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Japanese Prime Minister's Vigorous Statement

ITALIAN
AMBASSADOR
TO MANCHUKUO

Shanghai, To-day.

Japanese reports state that Italy will shortly appoint an Ambassador to Manchukuo, and that an Embassy will be opened this month.

Manchukuo will also establish an Embassy in Rome, to which post, it is reported, Mr. Hsu Chin-wei has already been appointed.—Our Own Correspondent.

GENERALISSIMO
SNUBS
JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

"We will continue to decide our own way of treating with China," declared a Foreign Office spokesman this morning, "and all third-power attempts at mediation between China and Japan will be discouraged in Tokyo."

The spokesman said that German efforts at mediation, through Dr. Oscar Trautmann, the Ambassador in China, had met with complete failure.

The spokesman continued that General Chiang Kai-shek had refused to even consider peace negotiations on the basis of the Japanese attitude, and that an "important note" on peace, sent to General Chiang Kai-shek, "was not even considered" by the Generalissimo.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE AIR
RAIDS

Shanghai, To-day.

A review of the activities of the Japanese naval air force was given this morning at a press conference by the Japanese spokesman.

The spokesman said that the air force had been kept "very busy" since the beginning of the year. Up to yesterday, four raids had been carried out on Hankow, five on Nanchang and two on Changsha.—Our Own Correspondent.

No Resumption Of
Talks With London

Tokyo, To-day.

"The voice of guns will now be the only language we can use in dealing with the Chinese Central Government," declared the Premier, Prince Konoye, to newspaper correspondents last night.

Although pressed several times for a statement on possible complete blockade of China, as demanded by a large number of influential Japanese, the Premier refused to commit himself.

"That is a matter on which I can say nothing. The decision rests solely with Imperial Headquarters," he said.

Prince Konoye declared that Japan would henceforth decline to enter into negotiations of any kind with the Chinese Central Government, now that all prospects of peace talks had been "set at naught by the attitude adopted by General Chiang Kai-shek." Meanwhile, Japan would proceed at the appropriate moment to take up negotiations with the new "provisional Government" at Peiping.

PEIPING'S "AUTHORITY"

This new "government," he stated, would in all probability develop its authority along lines similar to those taken by the present Manchukuo regime, in which case "no great length of time will elapse before it will be able to speak with authority for the Chinese people."

It is too early, yet, added Prince Konoye, to divulge any particulars about the promulgation of the new regime, or about the possibilities of mergence with the new provincial governments that may spring up here and there.

He was, however, in a position to state that with regard to economic development in the newly occupied territory in China, certain state control would be unavoidable.

It was the intention of his Government to send economic advisers into this territory, although nothing of a definite character had been decided upon up to the present moment.

ONE-PARTY SYSTEM

With reference to Japanese domestic affairs, Prince Konoye said it would be idle to suppose that any changes in the present Japanese

FOREIGNERS
TAKING NO
RISKS

Canton, To-day.

The news that the Japanese intend to bomb the newly opened Canton-Hong Kong highway, and that foreigners must notify the Japanese before making the trip, is not surprising to Shameen inhabitants, who realise that the journey is bound to be fraught with danger.

In fact, the road has been bombed several times without noticeable effect, and the opinion is generally held that such bombing is even less successful than the attempts on the railways, which are always repaired a few hours later.

Several carloads of foreigners, including women, had intended to make the trip over the week-end, but their plans are now understood to have been cancelled.

Several highways, together with wooden bridges in north Kwangtung, recently have been bombed by the Japanese, but the damage was only slight.—Reuter.

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Fried onions are one of the chosen accompaniments of the steak and they demand equal care and knowledge if they are to be served at their best, succulent but not soggy, crisp but not charred.

Some there are who prefer a grilled tomato to the homelier onion. There is a gifted singer of a Norbent paper placed on a hot dish in the oven.

To cook the steak, either (a) grill it (which is much the better way) under a very hot flame at first, so that the meat is quickly "sealed," turning it to "seal" the other side, and then moderating the flame. Turn the meat constantly, so that one side does not dry up before the other is done. A small pair of tongs kept specially for turning meat avoids the risk of piercing the meat with a fork and letting the juices flow out. When the meat is cooked to the point at which you like it, put it on a hot dish, sprinkle with pepper and salt, and crown it with a gen-

erous knob of butter. Surround it with the onions and put it in the thern land who sings in all the capitals of Europe. To her the

in London with a grilled tomato or two.

THE PRIZE STEAK

Weather permitting, have your



Preparing the steak for grid or frying-pan is an art in itself. Some experts beat the steak, slash it slightly and fill gashes with butter. Others marinate in oil; but all are agreed that the steak must start at fierce heat to seal the juices, and that it must be served hot and sizzling.

sight of Dover's white cliffs means that she can look forward to enjoying what she describes as the best grilled steak in the world, cooked

steak cut, at least an inch thick, the day before you wish to cook it. A couple of hours before the meal beat the steak well on both sides and brush it with a very small quantity of good olive oil or melted butter. Do not salt or pepper it yet. Put it on a rack in a cool place, with a plate underneath to catch any drippings.

Cut the onion in thin rings, dip them in milk (this will cause them to brown beautifully when fried), be flabby.

MORE, PLEASE!

Here's a quick and delicious sweet that will be much in demand, so make plenty of it.

FRIED BANANA CAKES

1 cup sieved banana, ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg, ½ cup Barbados sugar, ½ cup diced mixed peel.

Grated rind of 1 lemon, 2½ cups stale breadcrumbs.

Mix all ingredients thoroughly together. With floured hands shape into round balls, then flatten into thick little cakes. Dip in flour.

Shake and throw into smoking hot fat. Fry till golden. Drain on crumpled paper.

Serve in a hot dish lined with a lace paper doily, accompanied by vanilla custard sauce. Enough for six persons.

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If you have no grill, then fry it. Take the heaviest iron frying pan you possess, heat well, and grease with a very small quantity of either oil, lard, or dripping. Do not use butter for the actual frying, for the great heat needed to seal the meat properly causes the butter to decompose into indigestible acids. When the pan begins to smoke put in the steak, and as soon as it is sealed on one side, turn and seal it on the other. Turn it constantly, allowing about a minute between each turn and adding, if needed, a trifle more fat to prevent sticking and burning. When cooked, treat as above.

To the juices in the pan add a piece of butter, pepper and salt, and a little boiling water, simmer for a few minutes, and serve in a small sauceboat. Do not pour it over the steak unless you wish the latter to be flabby.

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Black Still Smart Choice

How Paris Uses Astrakhan On Winter Suits

Black afternoon frocks reach the top of their form in the mid-season. Jersey has won out as first favourite next to the matt crepe and satin. These frocks are severe in character, but they escape looking sombre.

WATERCRESS SOUP

As food is increasing in price so rapidly I am giving my own original recipe for what is a very cheap, nutritious and quickly prepared soup.

I use watercress, which never seems to be used except as an accompaniment to bread and butter or as a garnish. Watercress is particularly nice just now.

One lb. potatoes, 1 large onion, ½ pint milk, 1 saucerful finely chopped watercress, 1 oz. butter, salt and white pepper to taste, ½ pint water.

Chop onion finely. Peel potatoes and slice them. Boil potatoes and onions in ½ pint water till they can be mashed up in the saucepan with the water in which they are boiled.

Add butter and watercress. Stir well and add milk to make all like very thick cream. Season with salt and white pepper, and simmer for 10 minutes, occasionally stirring to keep it from sticking. Serve with fingers of dry toast.—H. E. H., Newbury.

Paquin merely inserts a white square diagonally pointed and belt-across at centre front waistline of one black jersey model. In another, a jabot of flat inspiration entirely made of seed pearls is introduced. This is a solo item in decoration on another black frock with the pearls swaying in countless rows between vertical lines and fixed by little pearl loops.

Flat jabots of gold and jewelled soutache braiding are a Worth idea. Jewelled colourings in metal thread lurk beneath shawl collars of black fox ending with matching motif at waistlines of sleekly fitted black coats. There is a gold embroidered plume slanting across the front corsage, and as most corsages are high it makes an attractive display. This applies also to gold soutache braiding across shoulders and down outer arms of another long-sleeved lainage frock. The coat completing it has two corresponding vertical line motifs of gold placed towards the front sides of big patch pockets. It buttons down the front on an almost straight three-quarter length of cloth, while the back is of black musquash rising into a Medici collar.

Musquash appears also in a cape of identical length showing a jersey cloth lining turned back into flat



Upper—Costume in Heavy Black Wool by Captain Molyneux. The Long Cape Has a Little Collar of Black Astrakhan and the Skirt of the Frock Is Banded With Black Braid of Varying Widths. The Perky Beret, Also From Molyneux, Is in Black Felt With Bow of Same Material. Lower—Long Jacket of Cloth Embroidered in Black Braid, Worn With a Frock of Black Wool Jersey. A Blue Bow on the Black Felt Hat, and the Blue Gloves give a touch of colour. From Mainbocher.



Black suits with astrakhan trimmings are among the successes of the Paris season. This Bruyere model shows astrakhan bands round a tunic-depth jacket, carrying out a dropped shoulder movement, and encircling the barrel-shaped cloth muff to match.

full-length revers quilted all over. Catherine Parel is a mistress of individual ideas and makes a quantity of afternoon frocks that are designed with a bias seam back entirely different. They have a Parisian hostess-air which makes them ideal as cocktail-dinner and cinema frocks for wearing beneath any coat or wrap suitable to these occasions.

"Do you find your glass towels sometimes leave fluff on your glass or china? Then dip them in weak starch water after washing; you will have no more trouble."

"When making a cake never beat the mixture, but lift it on the spoon to let the air into it. If you are doing it right you will hear the mixture faintly pop every time. This hint was passed on by a first-class cook."

"If you find baby rather difficult when trimming his toe and finger nails, wait until he has his morning nap and then cut them. No more fear of scissors slipping then?"

"When lining your cake tin for baking, use the corrugated paper from biscuit tins or chocolate boxes instead of the usual greaseproof paper. This prevents scorching and is more economical."

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TONKINESE EXHIBITION

The Tonkinese Exhibition has already been open for a week and the stream of visitors has not abated.

For the second and last week, re-arrangements have been made and new articles set on view together with economic products.

A special section of "tourism" has been opened under the direction of Mr. Lacollonge, delegate for tourism, who has just arrived from Tonkin and will supply valuable information.

The two lectures to be delivered on Thursday and Monday are cancelled and have been replaced by "A Trip to Indo-China," which will be explained, with an interesting show of films, by Mr. Lacollonge, at the Queen's Theatre on Monday and Tuesday from 12 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for admission, the Dress Circle seats being reserved for those who have received an official invitation to attend the opening ceremony.

An overcoat valued at \$110, belonging to Lieut. B. Poyntz, was stolen from his car No. 2487 while it was parked in Salisbury Road yesterday.

**NO FORMAL AGREEMENT
JUST YET BETWEEN
BRITAIN AND EIRE**

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN UNITED KINGDOM MINISTERS AND MR. DE VALERA AND HIS COLLEAGUES WERE CONTINUED AT DOWNING STREET YESTERDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON, AND COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF EACH SESSION INDICATE THAT THE DISCUSSION BEGUN ON MONDAY WAS CONTINUED AND THAT SOME OF THE MATTERS DISCUSSED ON MONDAY CAME UNDER FURTHER REVIEW.

The discussions will be resumed at noon to-day and a meeting has been arranged for 10 o'clock at the Board of Trade between the Ministers specially concerned with questions of trade and agriculture.

It is thought likely in well-informed circles that the preliminary stage of these conversations will be concluded to-day and that Mr. de Valera and his colleagues will be able to return to Dublin either this evening or to-morrow.

ONLY PRELIMINARY

It was well understood from the beginning that the present conversations between the two Governments were in the nature of preliminary exploration of outstanding questions affecting the two countries.

It was not contemplated that such exploratory discussion would have led immediately to a formal agreement.

At this stage, neither the United Kingdom nor Eire are entering into new commitments or are being relieved of their commitments, but when the conversations are adjourned a valuable joint survey by the statesmen of the two countries will have been made and will provide a basis for more detailed study by officials in London and Dublin in the interval before the conversations are renewed.

Yesterday's conversation extended over two and a quarter hours and questions of defence and trade and the annuities question were further examined.

PARTITION NOT RAISED

As was to be expected, the partition issue was not raised again, the position of the two sides having been made completely clear on Monday as recorded in the official communiqué.

It is understood that plans have already been made for further examination of questions of defence, finance and trade, to be carried on between officials of the two Governments.

These exchanges are bound to take a few weeks, and it is obvious that if there be a possibility of a comprehensive trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Eire, there is an immense amount of detailed study and preparation to be done by officials and experts.

It is emphasised in official circles in London that yesterday's talks were again of a most friendly and frank nature.—British Wireless.

**Forest Guards
Attacked**

While two forest guards were waiting for Mr. Everest at the 3½ mile post on the Tai Po Road, with a man whom they had arrested for possession of tree wood, they were attacked by four Hoklos who effected the release of the man who escaped with a pair of handcuffs.

**RUMANIA
STEALS MARCH
ON LEAGUE**

Bucharest, To-day.

That the new Rumanian Government does not intend to change its policy towards Jews was the essence of a statement made to a representative of Trans-Ocean by an official spokesman yesterday.

The spokesman pointed out that it would be contrary to the usual procedure of the League of Nations Council to make the protest of the Executive Committee of the Jewish World Congress the subject of general debate at Geneva without previously ascertaining the attitude of the Rumanian Government.

"The Rumanian Jewish problem is a matter of internal policy which concerns Rumania alone," the spokesman said.

It is believed here, therefore, that Rumania's Jewish policy will not be formally discussed during the forthcoming session of the League of Nations Council but will merely form the subject of parleys behind the scenes, and that at least three months will pass before the question will be submitted to the League Council.

"By that time, however, the elimination of Jewish influence in Rumania will already have become immutable," declared the spokesman.—Trans-Ocean.

**SWITZERLAND AND
LEAGUE**

Berne, To-day.

The sessions of the special committee of the Swiss Parliament which had been entrusted with the task of defining the position created by the demand of Switzerland for the restoration of unqualified neutrality in relation to the League of Nations, has now ended, and its report will shortly be submitted to the League Council.

Apparently the Swiss Government is pressing for an early solution of this question as it constituted the main topic of discussion when President Motta received British and French Ministers on Monday.

Later he reported to the Swiss Parliament on the outcome of the deliberations.

So far the Swiss Parliament has not taken any decision in the matter, as it prefers to wait until it is in possession of the text of the report drawn up by the special committee of jurists.—Trans-Ocean.



Not guarding the toy shop but on duty at the entrance to the deck. A picture taken on board the liner "California," converted into a troopship. (Fox Copyright).

Daring Chinese Mass Air Raid On Hangchow Positions

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A BELATED REPORT FROM HANGCHOW WHICH A JAPANESE SPOKESMAN ADMITTED TO BE PARTLY ACCURATE, REVEALS THAT A DARING MASS AIR-RAID ON MILITARY POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN HANGCHOW WAS CARRIED OUT BY OVER 30 CHINESE PLANES SHORTLY AFTER 4 A.M. YESTERDAY.

The Japanese spokesman here admitted the incident but denied that damage of any importance was suffered.

The report, however, states that hundreds of Japanese troops were killed while a similar number were seriously wounded.

DIRECTLY OVER HANGCHOW

The planes flew directly over Hangchow in spite of consistent fire from Japanese A. A. guns which failed to register any hits.

Bombs were dropped on several buildings occupied by the Japanese military, fatally wounding hundreds of soldiers and officers. Some were set on fire and blazed away until daylight.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUMANIAN JEWS TO TRY ABYSSINIA

Bucharest, To-day.

A number of Rumanian Jews have expressed a wish to emigrate to Abyssinia, and have requested the Italian Consulate to provide the necessary facilities.

The Consul, however, has declared that he must receive instructions from Rome before issuing visas.—Reuter.

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SNAG IN ANGLO-EIRE TALKS

London, To-day.

The Anglo-Irish conversations which were resumed at noon yesterday were adjourned after about one hour apparently with the same negative result as Monday's deliberations but it was announced that they would be resumed in the afternoon with the British Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the chair.

According to political circles, the Eire Premier, Mr. Eamon de Valera, is anxious to obtain from the British Government an assurance that it would not oppose re-union of the south and north of

Ireland in the more distant future but the British Government is unwilling to give such an assurance.

It is, however, stressed in political circles that although negotiations appear to have come to a standstill it is nevertheless possible that the situation may suddenly change in view of the fact that both sides are manifesting a strong desire to reach an understanding—Trans-Ocean.

The B.I. steamship Tillawa will leave for Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on or about Friday at 9 a.m.

MANAGING PARTNER CHARGED

Mung Wing-shun, of No. 18 Ashley Road, and managing partner of Messrs. Batten and Company, China Buildings, was this morning charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on two charges of (a) fraudulently converting to his own use the sum of \$1,000 entrusted to him to pay Messrs Mitsubiski Shoji Kaisha on November 21, 1931 and with (b) while being a partner of the firm did embezzle the sum of \$4,000 on May 17, 1932.

Mr. P. H. Sin was for the defence while Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the complainant, Chan Tze Hung, a partner of the firm.

In asking for bail, Mr. Sin said that the case was a partnership dispute and he hoped to prove in due course that it should not be brought to court. There was no question of defendant running away and asked that a small bail would be sufficient.

When questioned, defendant said that he had \$15,000 in the business and that for the past two years a profit had been made.

The case was adjourned formally for a week and bail was allowed for \$10,000, \$4,000 of which was to be in cash and the remainder in a personal bond.

RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Parliament has been dissolved by Royal Decree. Elections for the Chamber will be held on March 2 and for the Senate on March 4.

The new Parliament will be convened on March 10.—Reuter.

CAIRO GOING GAY

Cairo, To-day.

Preparations for the three days of festivities, beginning to-morrow, in connection with King Farouk's marriage, have now reached their climax.

All the chief thoroughfares and squares of the capital will be illuminated with millions of electric lights every evening while the festivities are in progress. The highway between the Koubbek Palace and the Abdin Palace has been transformed into a triumphant roadway.

Every 1,000 metres is a triumphal arch, in the form of a comet, crossing the roadway, the arches being connected with each other by festoons hung with electric lights.—Trans-Ocean.

RUSSIAN ACCUSED OF INGENUOUS SWINDLE OF CHINESE WIDOW

HOW A RUSSIAN, NICOLAI PAVLOVICH CUSTAREFF, WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE ATTEMPTED TO INGENUOUSLY SWINDLE A CHINESE WIDOW, MRS. HUI SHEK-YUEN, WAS RELATED BY THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MR. JOHN WHYATT, AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING WHEN ACCUSED WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, ON THREE ACCOUNTS OF FORGING, POSSESSING AND UTTERING A FORGED BANKNOTE.

Accused was alleged to have altered numbers on genuine bank-notes, telling Mrs. Hui that the notes were forgeries made by himself and that he could produce more provided she supplied him with genuine notes of \$100, \$50 and \$10, and to have attempted to gain her confidence by substituting two genuine \$5 bank-notes, with numbers altered, for one \$5 bank-note by a conjuring trick in the course of showing the woman how he made forged bank-notes.

MORE A CONJURER

Mr. J. Whyatt said that if the case for the Crown was correct, accused was more a conjurer than a forger.

The person selected by prisoner was a woman named Hui Sik-yuen, who owned and managed a barber shop. On October 26 last, accused came in and had a hair-cut. Two days later he returned and after having a shave, he asked the woman to go out to tiffin. Apparently wishing to be on good terms with her clients she agreed and took him to her flat. After a short talk on personal matters, accused asked for drinks and on being told by the woman that she had none, produced a five-dollar note to buy some. Bottles of beer were bought and accused was handed back \$3.40 as change.

Accused returned to the flat the following day and again asked for beer. The woman sent out for some but this time accused did not pay, asking her to get it on account. Whilst drinking, prisoner was alleged to have said: "Have you got the note I gave you? It is a bad note. I made it myself." He then asked her to get it for him but she said she had mixed it up with other notes. On being told that he could recognise it, the woman went to her bedroom to get the money. She brought out a number of notes and accused picked up one and said he made it.

PROPOSED MARRIAGE

Counsel said accused called on the woman again on October 30 and 31 and he proposed marriage, and was accepted. He suggested that if she wanted to make money she could buy from him one \$100 note for \$50. When he left, the woman began to think matters over and fortunately for her she got in touch with a Mr. Mui, who happened to be in the Special Branch at Police Headquarters. She showed him the note and from then onward she acted on the instructions of Mr. Mui without the knowledge of accused.

On November 4, accused paid another visit, bringing with him an attaché case, which he described in broken English as a "money-making box." After carefully closing the door, he asked the woman for a \$5 note. He put the note in a dish in which was some liquid and after leaving it there for some time he took it out and attached a piece of thin paper to it. He produced two pieces of rough paper between which he put the note and thin paper and wrapped them round a small roller rubbing it with a piece of wood.

YELLOW LIQUID

He unwrapped them and took out the thin paper on which, when put to the light, could be seen a facsimile of a bank-note.

Accused then produced another dish into which he poured some yellow liquid. After dabbing the note with the liquid he again did what he had done in the first experiment—wrapping the note together with pieces of paper into the roll.

He then went to the kitchen. That was the first time he was out of the sight of the woman and what he did

there was not known. He came out with a basin full of water and put the roll in it. At the end of about 15 minutes, he unwrapped the roll, inside of which were two bank-notes instead of one. Each of the notes bore the same number.

The woman again consulted Mr. Mui and told him the story, at the same time giving him the notes. On November 5, accused called again and asked her for the notes. She said she had not got them with her, whereupon he told her not to spend them in one shop as they bore the same number. He also asked her, since she had witnessed the experiments, for notes of \$100, \$50 and \$10, but did not receive any.

AS GOOD AS BANK NOTE

Meanwhile, Mr. Mui took the notes to the proper authorities and Mr. V. C. Branson, Government Analyst, discovered that the last number in them had been altered from the figure 6 to 0. The Police went and arrested accused at the Queen's Theatre, where he was employed. The Police searched his premises and found the various articles mentioned in the experiments as well as certain conjuring paraphernalia.

The note in question was as good as any sent out by the Bank, said Mr. Whyatt, but how accused managed to substitute two in place of one he could not explain. However, he suggested that in view of the conjuring articles found in accused's premises, he must have done it through conjury.

When formally charged, accused made a complete denial but at the Magistracy he admitted having swindled the woman but only because she had asked him to forge money. He further stated he did not forge the note but alter something in it to deceive her into thinking he could make money.

Counsel concluded his opening by saying that the mere altering of a genuine note was forgery, and that if the statement of the accused was not changed in his defence to-day, the Jury had no alternative but to find him guilty.

The case is proceeding.

M. KALININ'S NEW POSITION

Moscow, To-day.

The appointment of the 62-year-old M. Kalinin to the presidency of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union is considered in diplomatic circles here to constitute promotion, although ever since 1923, M. Kalinin, as chairman of the All-Union Central Executive Committee, has occupied the highest post in Russia.

It is, however, observed that in his previous position, M. Kalinin was only first among his colleagues, whereas under the new Constitution the President of the Supreme Council occupies the rank of Head of State, both in law and fact.

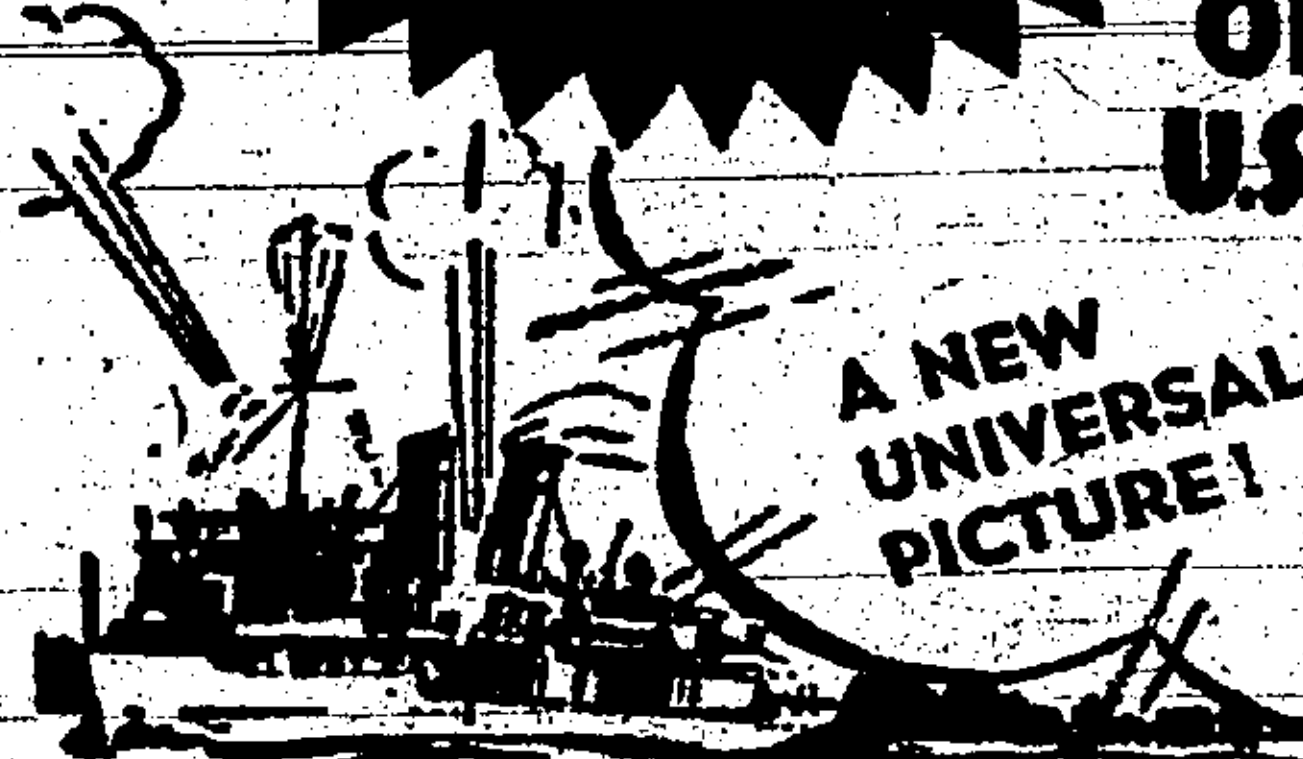
In any case, the fact that M. Stalin did not take his place, in the assembly hall at the meeting of the Supreme Council but contented himself with appearing among the members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party in a box overlooking the hall, is taken in well-informed circles to mean that the Political Bureau continues to remain the Government of the Soviet Union in whose hand all final decisions will rest.—Trans-Ocean.

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JAPAN'S OPIUM WAR ON CHINESE POPULATION

"Demoralisation" Allegations In Swiss Paper

GENERALISSIMO'S PLAN DEFEATED

Geneva, To-day.

That the League of Nations has done everything in order to prevent production and sale of opium in China, is revealed by the statement of the League's Opium Committee, published yesterday.

The efforts of the committee, however, have failed in that it has not been able to establish control in territories controlled by the Japanese.

It is freely stated in Geneva that the Japanese military commanders in China have promoted not only the production but also the sale of opium in China, in order to "demoralise" the Chinese civilian population.

"La Tribune de Geneva," a prominent Swiss newspaper, makes sensational revelations in this connection, based on reports of prominent experts regarding Japan's "opium war" against China.

The paper declares that Japan had realised the importance of the fight by General Chiang Kai-shek against opium, and therefore herself started production of opium in the Tientsin region.

HOSPITALS CLOSED

The paper refers to undisputable statistics revealing that at Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung, 5,000 politically camouflaged Japanese agents distributed opium before the present hostilities broke out.

One of the first measures of the Japanese in the present war, says the paper, was to close all those hospitals where opium addicts were treated.

General Chiang Kai-shek's six-year plan for the fight against opium had thereby been practically frustrated.

Japan was attempting to infect vast Chinese territories with opium, and eye-witnesses have noticed that in Tientsin, opium dens were to be found on the streets where the poison was sold at one penny.

Concluding, the paper praises the unparalleled measures taken by General Chiang Kai-shek for fighting opium, and stresses the testimony of the League's Opium Committee that opium represents one of the most decisive weapons of Japan against the Chinese population in the Sino-Japanese war.—Trans-Ocean.

INSURGENTS STRIKE BACK AT TERUEL

London, To-day.

Fighting around Teruel has begun again, and the insurgents, backed by aircraft, are launching a heavy attack on the Government positions.

The Government admit that their troops have given some ground.

The insurgents claim that their troops have captured two important points, which were held by the Government troops for a year.—Reuter.

VAN ZEELAND REPORT STILL A SECRET

London, To-day.

Publication of the report on world economic conditions, made by M. Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, has again been postponed, although the business world is awaiting the report with keenest impatience.

Originally it was planned to publish the report in England and France to-day.

This plan, according to "The Times," was upset by the outbreak of the Cabinet crisis in France.

It is to be presumed, however, that M. van Zeeland's report will be formally handed over to both governments as soon as the Paris crisis is over.

TRADE TALKS POSTPONED

Another result of the French political crisis has been indefinite postponement of the Franco-Italian trade negotiations, also scheduled to begin to-day.

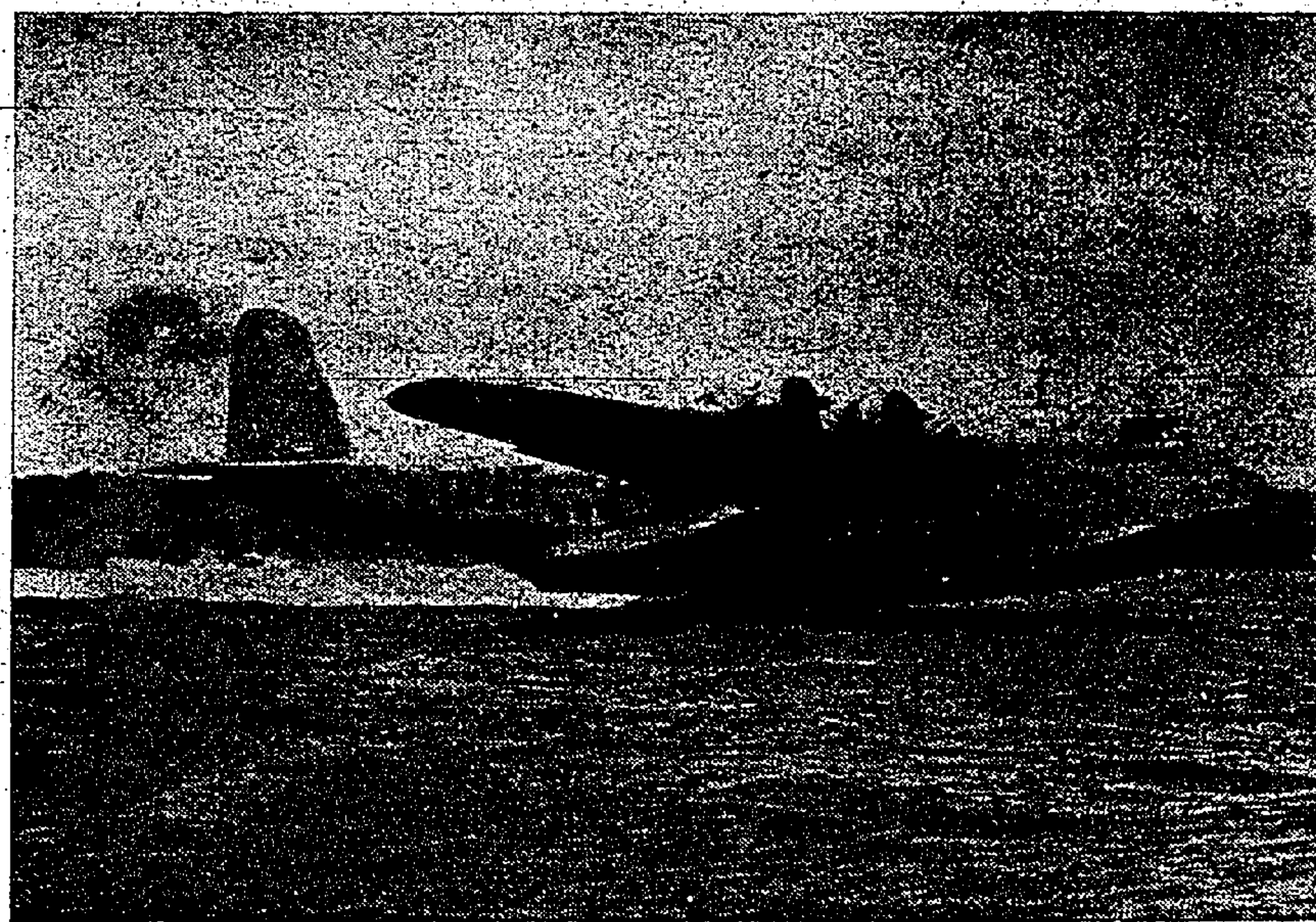
It is declared that the postponement came at Italian instigation, it having been officially announced in Rome that because of negotiations which are being carried on at the present time with Yugo-Slavia, Italian trade experts are not available for the Franco-Italian talks.

Political quarters, however, believe that Italy merely wishes to await formation of a new French Government in order to ascertain the future trend of foreign policy before committing herself in the matter of trade.—Trans-Ocean.

MORE DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is passing into the Pacific to the southeast of Japan and another is forming over N. China. The depression is moving eastward over N. Japan.

Local forecast: E. and N. E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, occasional drizzle or light rain.



The Imperial Airways' Empire flying-boat Centaurus leaving Southampton recently on a 30,000 miles' survey flight to New Zealand and back. She was the first commercial flying-boat to make a survey flight across the Tasman Sea from Sydney to Auckland. (Fox Copyright).

UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BERLIN AND BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.

The conversations of the Yugo-Slavian Premier, Dr. Stoyadinovic, in Berlin and especially his reception by the Chancellor, Herr Hitler, have aroused much attention here.

The full importance of these conversations, writes the semi-official organ, "Ureme," will be revealed at a later date but it is already now certain that at the close of their interview Hitler and Dr. Stoyadinovic took leave of each other as two men who had reached an understanding.

New Congress President

Allahabad, To-day.

Subhas Bose, the well-known Indian leader and former Mayor of Calcutta, has been appointed President of the Congress Party meeting being held at Haripura in February.—Reuter.

ed an understanding.

The paper "Politik" believes that the Berlin conversations will have had the result of preparing the ground for close and lasting co-operation between Germany and Yugo-Slavia in the interests of European peace.—Trans-Ocean.

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HOW LONG WILL AMERICANS SPEAK ENGLISH?

NO ENGLISH traveller in America or American journeying in England need be a student of language to be aware of the extraordinary divergence in speech which has taken place during the three hundred odd years since there have been any American Anglo-Saxons.

An interchange overheard in London this summer expresses the common feeling. An American woman stopped an Englishman on the street to ask some directions. After a few questions back and forth, the

man said wonderingly, "Why, you don't speak at all like an American! I can understand every word you say."

And she answered with equal surprise, "And you don't sound like an Englishman! I can understand you."

Watch an average American at an English theatre and you will catch on his face almost the same strained, listening look that it would carry if he were hearing an only half familiar foreign language.

At the two cultural ends of the scale, the situation is even more acute. In the House of Commons when one of the Honorable Members is holding forth in so-called

years John Bull and Uncle Sam will no longer use a common speech.

From Indians to Orientals, each non-English group in America is responsible for certain easily recognisable changes of expression, just as after the Norman occupation of England it was simple enough for any smatterer in language to recognise the Norman French derivations when the Saxon swineherd's pig became pork on the table of his overlord; and the farmer's cow, beef; his sheep, mutton; his calf, veal.

But in America, while it is equally easy to see that the elegance of French men, was probably responsible for replacing the English sweet with the American dessert, the British joint with the American roast (roti), and so on through an im-

THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

KING Anthony, of Stamford Hill, who, you may recollect, challenges the credentials of our present Ruling House, has issued an interesting document called Anthony's Manifesto Money Reform, price one penny.

His Majesty (I think I may be charged with treason any day now) has a financial policy that bears distinct similarity to the Douglas Credit System.

Anthony, with terrifying precision, points out:—

"Since the introduction of the illegal Gold Standard in 1819 there has been a series of crises and panics, viz.: 1825 panic, 1839 crisis, 1845 panic, 1847 crisis, 1857 crisis, 1866 crisis, 1870 crisis, 1890 crisis, 1914 panic, 1931 crisis."

Nineteen fourteen dismissed as a mere panic is interesting.

Sometimes King A., in his manifesto, becomes a little abstruse, for instance, he says airily:—

"Money does not circulate on a horizontal plane."

That's got me beat anyway.

King Anthony has a new rival—King Henry.

"Genealogist," of Burwash, Sussex writes:—

"I happen to be descended from Penelope, the daughter and heir of Sir John Perrott's son, Sir Thomas Perrott. (Note: Sir John Perrott, K.B., was the son of King Henry VIII and Mary Berkeley).

"Perhaps, were I to follow Shakespeare's advice, 'Examine well thy blood; I might find that I could cut out King Anthony, Prince Rupert and the rest and exchange my present modest title for a more august one, describing myself (as did the Cardinal York) as 'Henry, by the grace of God, but not by the will of man, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith.'"

My standard of loyalty, which had been transferred to Stamford Hill, now speeds to "Genealogist," of Burwash.

By Adelaide Stedman

Oxford English, an American catches hardly more than the general drift, while an English settlement house audience, listening to an American speaker, often seems to lose the thread entirely.

At its present stage this divergence seems merely humorous, or at the worst annoying. It is not in the least humorous, however, but rather startlingly bewildering, to realise that if the divergence continues unchecked, in another 300

posing list, on the whole the changes are not so simple to trace. Why does an Englishman demand underdone roast beef while the American asks for it rare? Why is Mrs. John Bull's fruit salad Uncle Sam's wife's fruit cup? Why is an English biscuit an American cracker? How strange such sweets as a strawberry fool or a banana trifle or a cold shape sound to American ears. Just what edibles are suggested to a Britisher by the words johnny cake, molasses, cereals?

The English lift is the American elevator, the American movie is the British cinema, the American radio, the English wireless. The United States has subways, England has her underground. The British telephone operator "puts you through," her American cousin "connects you." When an American speaks of a line as "busy," the Englishman says it is "engaged." In England you "book" a reservation, in American you "make" it. The list of divergencies is almost endless.

But many as these differences of word and usage are, the vital difference which is dividing English and American speech far more rapidly than any change of vocabulary, is the divergence in enunciation, pronunciation, and quality of voice. The same words sound quite different on English and American tongues.

Why these things should be so is really less important than the fact that they exist. And taken in connection with the similar fact that Canadian and Australian and South African voices are already distinctly different, they provide an Anglo-Saxon problem, commented on freely enough by philologists but as yet little generally discussed.

A few centuries ago Latin was the written language of all the European inheritors of the old Roman world, while spoken Latin merged into the Romance tongues, Italian, Spanish, French and Roumanian.

Three hundred years from now will English, while remaining the written language of Anglo-Saxon communication and literature, be giving place over great sections of the earth to spoken languages called American, Canadian, Australian, South African? Similar, but not the same?

Or will the modern more conscious desire for unity and communication check the trend? Is this a job for the radio?

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M. CHAUTEMPS SUCCEEDS

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FORECAST OF NEW CABINET

Paris, To-day.

M. Camille Chautemps has succeeded in forming a Government, following a Socialist vote in favour of supporting him.

The following is a semi-official forecast of the new Cabinet:

Premier—M. Camille Chautemps.
War—M. Edouard Daladier.
Navy—M. Bertrand.
Air—M. Wachambre.
Interior—M. Sarraut.
Justice—M. Campinchi.
Finance—M. Marchandau.
Foreign—M. Yvon Delbos.
Commerce—M. Hymans.
Labour—M. Ramadier.
Colonies—M. Pierre Cot.
—Reuter.

BRITISH REACTION

London, To-day.

Political circles here are much relieved at formation of the new Chautemps Cabinet, with M. Delbos as Foreign Minister, since this will, in the opinion of these circles, afford a guarantee of further co-operation between Great Britain and France in questions relating to the foreign policy of the two countries.

The franc rallied on the Stock Exchange yesterday and discount rates for forward francs recovered somewhat.—Trans-Ocean.

LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING AGAIN POSTPONED

Geneva, To-day.

The meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, which had been previously postponed to Jan. 26, has now been still further put back, to Jan. 31.

The League Secretariat announces at the same time that the meeting of the committee of twenty-eight for reform of the League Covenant has also been postponed to Jan. 31.

Adjournment was decided upon in view of the French Government crisis.—Trans-Ocean.

BURMA OIL WORKERS ON STRIKE

Rangoon, To-day.

A number of labourers on the Burmah Oil Company's estate near Rangoon have gone on strike in sympathy with other striking employees of the company in another district.

The labourers are demanding to be paid on a monthly basis instead of weekly, as hitherto, and also want fifty-three days holiday with pay each year.

The situation is quiet at present pending negotiations.—Reuter.

WELCH FUSILIERS LEAVING SHANGHAI NEXT MONTH

The Royal Welch Fusiliers, who arrived in Shanghai from Hong Kong shortly after the outbreak of hostilities on August 13, will leave the city after a stay of more than five months on Wednesday, February 2, says the "China Press."

The Regiment, approximately 700 strong, will board the Army Transport Dunera, which is due to arrive in Shanghai on February 1. The regiment was originally scheduled to leave Shanghai on this day, but when reports to this effect first reached the port, it was held improbable that the troops' transports, which follow a regular schedule, would affect the regiment in view of the tense situation then prevailing.

Since, however, the situation has eased considerably locally, the troop transports will be carried out as per schedule.

It is not known yet whether or not the Welch Fusiliers will be replaced. However, it was stated that should the departure of the regiment be found to leave the local British Garrison with insufficient men for immediate requirements, the Seaforth Highlanders will be sent from Hong Kong.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers have for their destination Khartoum, India, where they are to relieve the Black Watch. Rumours to the effect that the Black Watch were being sent to Shanghai were declared to be absolutely baseless. The only connection the Black Watch has with China, it was stated, was that a regiment from this country was leaving to relieve it. The Black Watch is to sail for England and home leave.

BRITISH MILITARY PRECAUTIONS IN EGYPT

Cairo, To-day.

Extension of the Anglo-Egyptian military agreement to permit Britain to establish garrisons at various important points in the western desert districts of Egypt, is the subject of negotiations which at present are going on between the two countries.

According to the existing agreement, Britain is permitted to establish garrisons only along the Suez Canal but, in view of Italian activities in Libya, extending of British fortifications has been necessitated.—Trans-Ocean.

AMBASSADOR SAILING THIS WEEK

London, To-day.

Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, new British Ambassador to China, will sail from Marseilles on board the P. and O. "Kaiser-i-Hind" on Saturday, accompanied by Lady Clark-Kerr.—Reuter.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE STILL ALIVE

London, To-day.

The chairman's sub-committee of the non-intervention committee yesterday resumed their consideration of the draft resolution dealing with various portions of the committee's plan namely, withdrawal from Spain of foreign volunteers, recognition in certain circumstances that the Spanish parties possess a status justifying them in exercising belligerent rights at sea, and strengthening of Spanish frontiers by land and sea.

The committee agreed upon a number of outstanding questions.

The committee agreed also to authorise the secretary to prepare drafts of replies to be sent by the committee to the two Spanish parties.

The sub-committee will meet again on Friday.—British Wireless.

GERMAN GRUDGE AGAINST N.S.W.

Berlin, To-day.

Germany will not be represented at the celebrations which are being held to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the founding of New South Wales, it was learned here yesterday.

The German Government says that it sees itself compelled to adopt this attitude by reason of the fact that stipulations of a discriminating character which date back to the World War are applied to German nationals domiciled in New South Wales, where, for instance, German doctors of medicine are still not allowed to practice.

It is pointed out at the same time that similar discriminating stipulations directed against German nationals which were introduced by other Australian states since the War have since been abolished.—Trans-Ocean.

SMALLPOX CASES

With eight further cases of smallpox reported to the local Health Authorities in the 24 hours ended at midnight on Tuesday, there have now been 42 cases in the last nine days.

Two cases of dysentery and one of diphtheria were also reported in the last 24 hours.

ANGLO-SAXON NAVAL INFERIORITY

Washington, To-day.

In preparation for the debate on the Naval Appropriations Bill, the House of Representatives yesterday studied testimony purporting to show that Japan has more full-manned fighting ships commissioned than the United States and Britain.

Navy Department data showed that on November 1 last year, Japan had 213 warships ready for action, compared with 199 of the United States and 195 of Britain.

In addition, 150 Japanese ships are under age, according to the London Treaty, in contrast to 106 of the United States and 162 of the British.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRESS PUTS ITS FOOT IN IT AGAIN

Berlin, To-day.

The British press has again put its foot in it as far as Germany is concerned, through allegations of a German propaganda campaign in Asia and Africa.

The allegations, which appeared in the "Manchester Guardian," have evoked indignant denials in the German newspapers.

One of the allegations said that the German War Ministry, Foreign Ministry and Propaganda Ministry were collaborating in a carefully prepared programme.—Trans-Ocean.

Aga Khan And King Farouk

Cairo, To-day.

Candidature of the young King Farouk for the Caliphate, which has suddenly become a prominent question, has acquired considerable significance through the announcement that the Aga Khan is expected to visit Cairo shortly after the King's wedding.

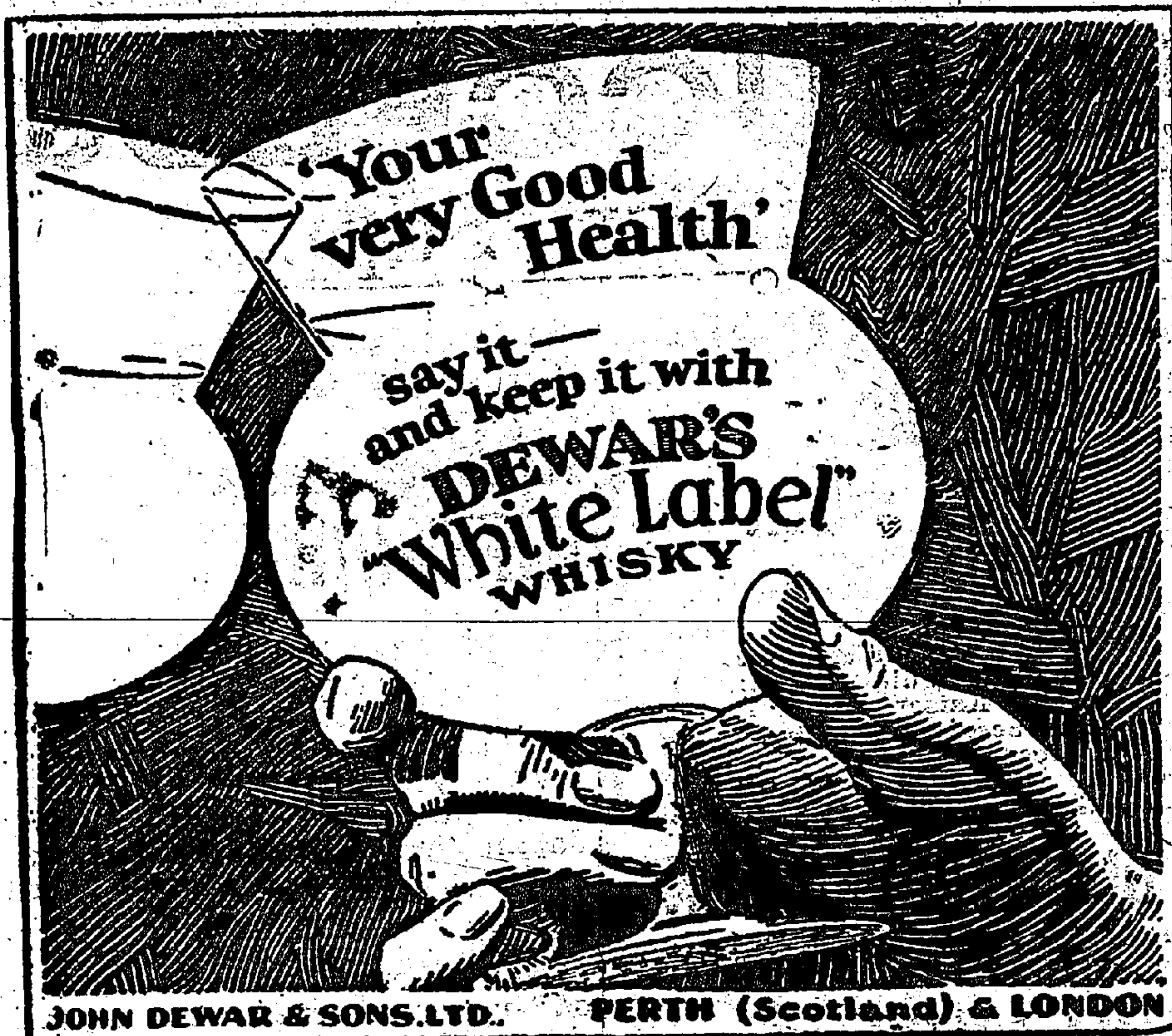
It is believed that during his stay in Cairo, the Indian Moslem leader will conduct negotiations concerning the King's candidature.—Trans-Ocean.

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PROPAGANDA IN SCHOOL

One of the healthier principles adopted by statesmen gathered in international conclave since the war has been that nations should not speak ill of each other in books and publications. Conventions have been signed giving undertakings to lessen distortion of foreigners, and these have applied particularly to school-books for the young. Time was when schoolchildren were semi-consciously trained to believe that the people of nation A were a good people and of B bad. The virtue or vice of the foreigner depended solely upon his political alliance with, or opposition to, the home country. Thus Russians were big bad wolves to the British child until the Anglo-French-Russian entente became a political fact and changed the wolves overnight into simple, God-fearing, musical and altogether lovable peasants—to say nothing of their admirable "steam-roller" capabilities in war. Things seem to have changed only slightly for the better to-day; and indeed with the present rush into noxious national propaganda in several important countries international falsehood has at some points grown more virulent. An illustration comes out of Russia itself with the revelation that

even Dickens is being used in classrooms to besmirch capitalist Britain. Dotheboys Hall is given to children to raise a lump in the throat at the thought of the sufferings of the poor English child—with no explanation that the scenes are those of a century ago, and caricatured at that. Chimney-sweep climbers and pit-boys under ten are summoned back from their wretched graves to haunt the little Russians. And all to bolster up an unreasoning pride in a particular regime at home.

That the procedure is unfair goes without saying, unless we are to believe that all's fair in love and ideology. But the greatest harm done is to the Russian child itself. From Charles Kingsley he learns to consider himself alone happy, however wretched, because in great Great Britain "men must work and women must weep, for there's little to earn and many to keep." As well might "Yes, we have no bananas" have been taken as proof positive of a perpetual food shortage; or the soldiers' cheerful wail, "I don't want to die; I want to go home," as an example of the British Army's cowardice in war. Children whose minds are thus steeped in falsehood can make little intelligent contribution to their country in the future, let alone to fraternal international understanding. Side by side with Dickens should be the life of Lord Shaftesbury, who, even though capitalist, produced reforms which were a shining example to the whole world. Perhaps Lenin's reputation would suffer, but misguided idolatry never worked to any individual's permanent good.

The misuse of Dickens is all the more mystifying since Russians appear to outdo his compatriots in worship at his shrine, as do Germans at Shakespeare's. Only recently an excellent edition of the novels was produced in Russia in the English language, complete with Phiz's drawings, and prefaced with a well-known Russian critic's foreword which, to some, is one of the most exquisite and understanding tributes that could possibly be rendered to Dickens. Poets, composers and novelists have not infrequently acted as interpreters, and therefore reconcilers, between peoples. The Russian writers of primers for schools are apparently intent upon a reversal of that process. English lovers of Dickens may be pardoned for seeing little but the humour of the Soviet twists, and lovers of the fair name of England may feel little sense of injustice, but, to those who hoped that post-war days would bring other manners, the distortions of propaganda-mongers in schools will come as a bitter disappointment. The clock is being set back. Schoolchildren put in blinkers, or given the wrong end of the telescope, soon become schoolchildren in gas-masks. Charles Dickens wrote to save the poorer children of a hundred years ago from some of their miseries. The Soviet educationists, like those of some other nations, seem bent upon adding to the children's misfortunes.

CHINA AGAIN REJECTS JAPANESE TERMS

Cannot Tolerate Encroachment On Integrity

CHANCE FOR NEGOTIATION GONE FOR EVER

Tokyo, To-day.

An exchange of views is reported to have taken place at the Cabinet meeting yesterday concerning the date of Japan's recognition of the "provisional government" at Peiping.

Agreement, according to the Yomiuri Shimbun, was reached that Japan would extend formal recognition to the regime "when it becomes stronger and more stable in form and substance."

The "Hochi Shimbun," commenting on Japanese repudiation of the Chinese Central Government, states: "The chance has gone for ever for resumption of negotiations between Japan and the Central Government, now that Japan has refused further dealings with the latter."

The newspaper predicts that "if the Central Government of China reconsiders its attitude, it may possibly be merged in the new regime, which is now represented by the provisional government." — Reuter.

KWANGTUNG ORGANISING FARMERS

Canton, To-day.

South China's intention to resist Japan to the bitter end receives ample confirmation by the important People's Defence Corps, which is actively being formed all over Kwangtung.

Object of the organisation is to teach farmers and peasants the use of arms in order to defend themselves should the occasion, which at present is doubted, ever arise.

Commanders of the Corps took the oath of office on Monday before Gen. Yu Han-mou, Governor Wu Teh-chen, and Mayor Tseng Yang-fu.

Gen. Tsai Ting-kai and Gen. Chiang Kwang-nai, former leaders of the 19th Route Army, are also among the commanders of the huge Corps. — Reuter.

Yen Shih-Shan As Well?

Hankow, To-day.

A sensational rumour published in a local newspaper states that Marshal Yen Shih-shan has been placed under arrest by order of the High Command on a charge of negligence of military duties in the anti-Japanese campaign in Shanxi.

The rumour, however, still lacks confirmation. — Hua Nan.

Japan's "Respect For Foreign Rights"

Hankow, To-day.

The object of China's armed resistance against Japan is to safeguard the national existence and maintain the sanctity of international treaties, declares a statement issued by the Central Government.

The statement reaffirms the determination to maintain China's sovereign rights and territorial and administrative integrity.

Although her desire for peace remains unchanged, China cannot tolerate encroachment by a foreign country upon her sovereign rights and territorial and administrative integrity, which are essential attributes to China's independent status and which all interested powers, by solemn treaty, have pledged themselves to respect.

"Whatever the circumstances, the Chinese Government is exerting its utmost to maintain the sovereign rights and territorial and administrative integrity of China."

"Any terms for restoration of peace if they do not conform with this principle, necessarily are unacceptable to China."

NULL AND VOID

"In the meantime, all acts such as unlawful organisations set up in areas under Japanese military occupation are considered null and void, both internally and externally by the Chinese Government."

After reviewing the present hostilities since the outbreak of the Lukouchiao Incident, the statement recalls the "ruthless destruction by the Japanese of property and life in China."

That this action violates international law, the Kellogg Anti-War Pact and the Nine Power Treaty, has been unmissably pronounced by the nations of the world.

Responsibility for disturbing international peace, the statement declares, "clearly rests with Japan and not with China."

MONOPOLISTIC RIGHTS

Despite such well-known facts that Japan has now declared that she respects the territorial and sovereign rights of China, as well as the rights and interests of foreign powers, it should be observed that by respect for China's territory and sovereign rights, Japan means dismembering of China through creation of various unlawful organisations within Chinese territory and by making use of such organisations, to usurp the sovereign rights of China.

Likewise, by respect for the rights of foreign powers, Japan means securing monopolistic rights through her predominant position in China. — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN MOVE FOR BOYCOTT

Washington, To-day.

Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, conferred on the trans-Atlantic telephone yesterday with Sir Walter Citrine, Secretary-General of the British Trades Union Congress in regard to international measures against Japan proposed by Labour.

Sir Walter Citrine had suggested by cable that the British, French, Netherlands, Swiss, Swedish, Soviet and United States governments be encouraged to prohibit granting of credits, oil and all war materials to Japan, and to guarantee each other aid in case Japan attacked them.

Mr. Green declared that the Federation would consider the proposals on January 24. Meanwhile, he would reserve judgment owing to the drastic nature of the proposals. — Reuter.

And Still More

Bucharest, To-day.

The Mayor of Bucharest has prohibited Jewish ritual slaughtering, the measure to become effective immediately. — Trans-Ocean.

PRINCESS PICKS HER OWN CRADLE

It is understood that Princess Juliana's baby will be tended in the cradle in which Princess Juliana spent the first months of her life.

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CHINESE GUERILLAS

New Tactics Confuse Japanese Troops

Shanghai, To-day.

The increasing activity of Chinese guerilla bands east and south-east of Shanghai is rendering the Japanese position uncertain and insecure.

The Japanese, it is learned reliably, are encountering the greatest difficulty in constructing the necessary fortifications along the east bank of the Whangpoo River.

As a result of the situation which has developed, all traffic between Pootung and the central parts of Shanghai has been forbidden, and even permits issued to foreign firms to transport goods across the river have been declared invalid, on the ground that military operations necessitate the full attention of Japanese officials.

The Japanese state that an attempt will soon be made to round up the many guerilla bands, estimated at 3,000, as even the Japanese garrison in Pootung is not secure against sudden attacks.

ON MAJOR SCALE

The country between Shanghai and Hangchow, to the south-west, is also the scene of guerilla operations on what might be called a major scale.

As a result of these new tactics on the part of the Chinese, the Japanese have not been able to extend their lines beyond Fuyang, which lies ten kilometres south-west of Hangchow.

The Japanese admit that none of their outposts are safe, that communications are constantly threatened and that even large columns of troops are not secure against sudden attack. — Trans-Ocean.

The P. and O. s.s. "Corfu" left Shanghai on the 18th instant and is due here on the 20th instant at about noon.

SIR CECIL CLEMENTI FAR EAST

Comment on the situation in the Far East night at the dinner of the Empire Society. Clementi, formerly of Hong Kong and the Straits. The Secretary Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that British administrators would see the Dutch, while administrators in Sumatra and Malaya.

International sugar and oil to continue a day with co-operation. Sir Cecil Clementi Ormsby-Gore's said that officials in the East Indies would vice versa.

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Referring to Cecil Clementi



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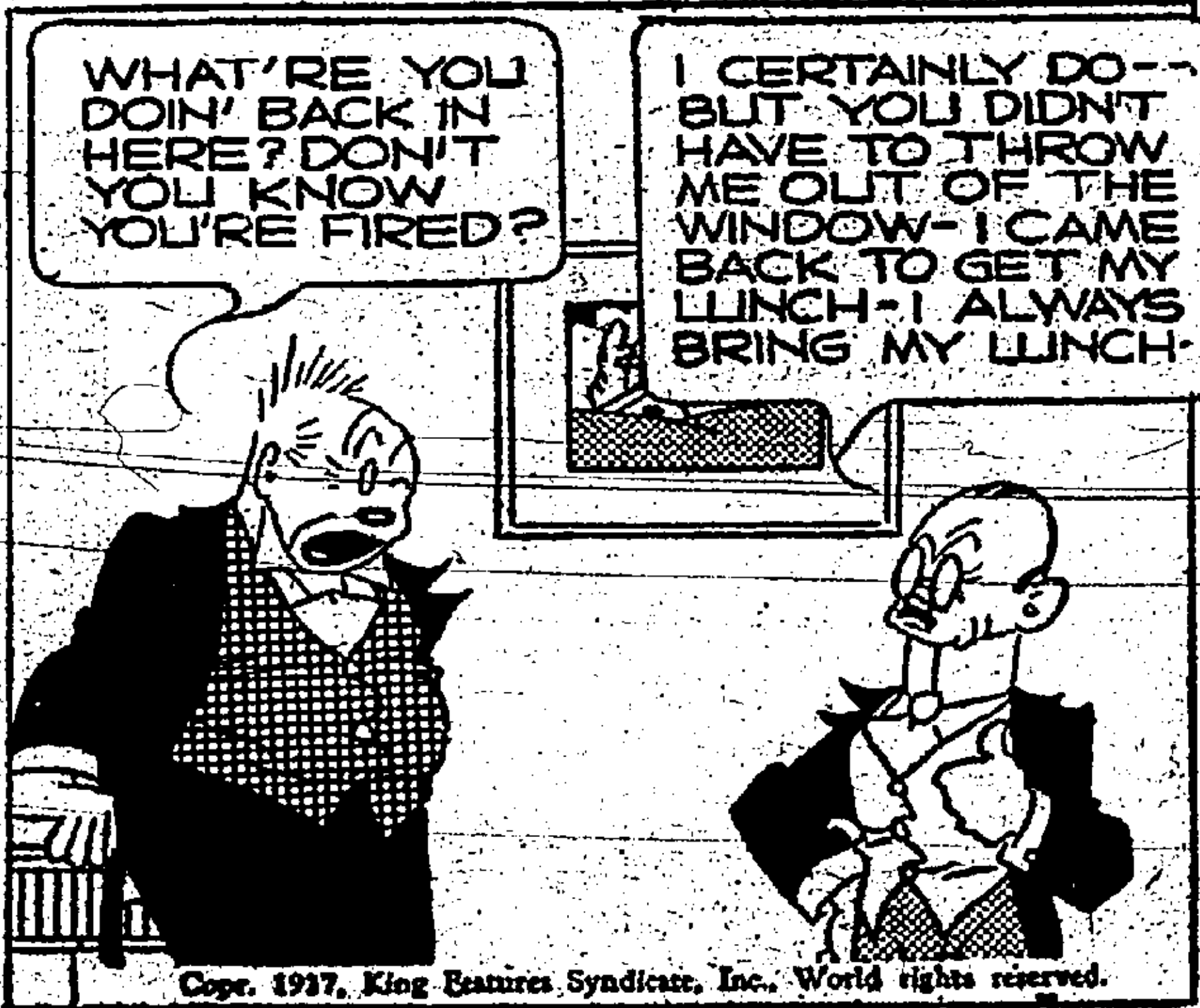
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Bringing Up Father

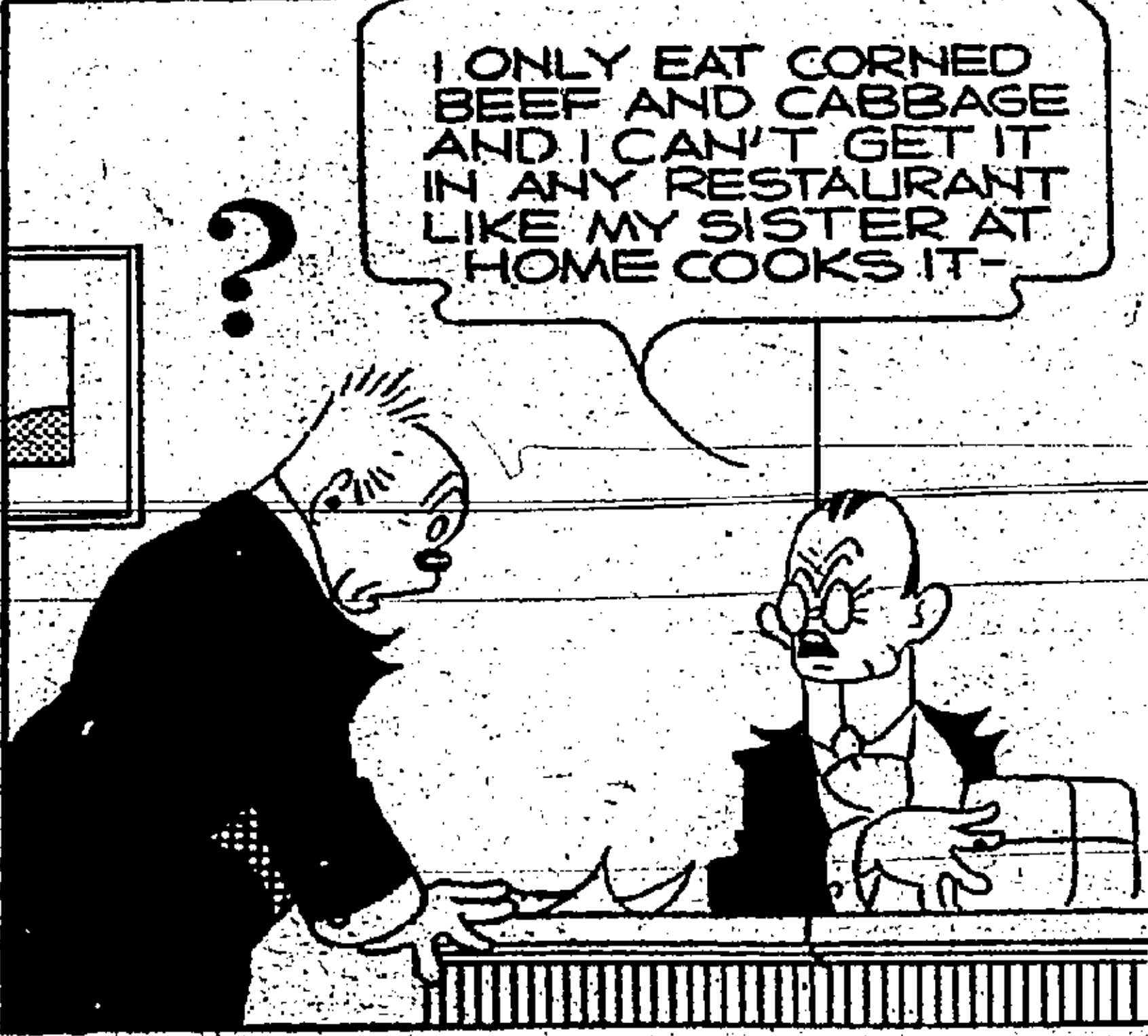


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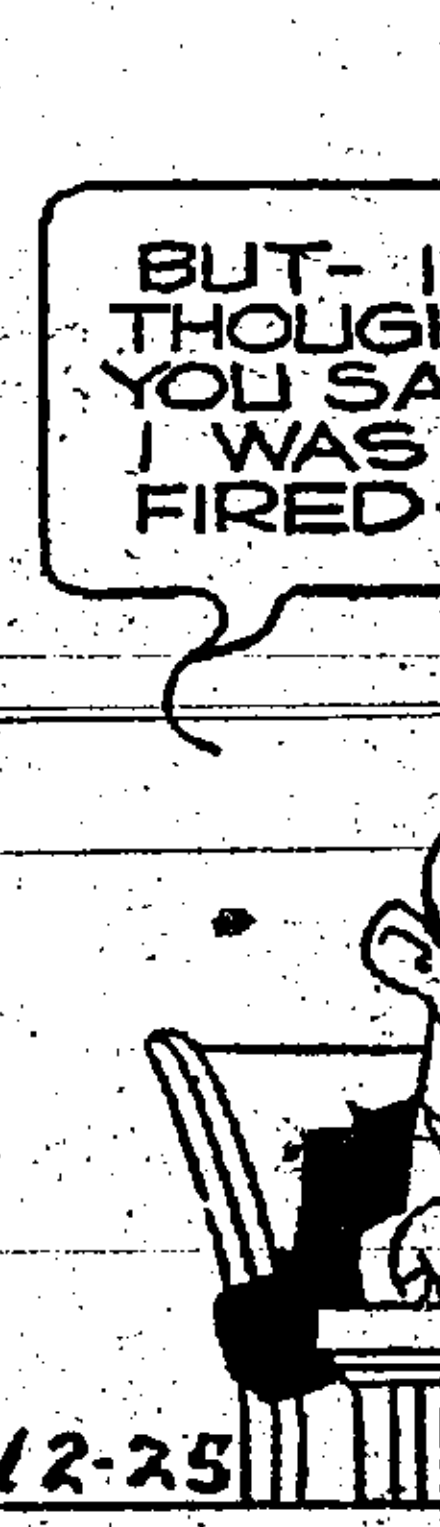


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IN SHANGHAI AREA

CHINESE BLOCK CHINHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinhai, a port at the mouth of the Ningpo river, says Chinese reports, has been blocked by the Chinese to prevent the landing of Japanese troops from transports which are standing off the port.

It is stated that the Japanese intend to land the troops at Chinhai for the purpose of launching an attack on Ningpo.—Our Own Correspondent.

was never more hazardous and it was most necessary for Europe and the United States to stand together.

He agreed with the recent statement by Sir Francis Lindley, former Ambassador to Tokyo, that when the present warfare between China and Japan was over, there would very likely be a rapprochement, and the cry of Asia for the Asiatics would grow more vehement.

Therefore, he said, Europe and the United States must co-operate and see that no Pan-Asiatic fanatic run the risk of attacking them. They must stand together to secure their possessions in the Far East.—Reuters.

SOVIET NAVY IN A NEW PHASE

Moscow, To-day.

"The Soviet Union must have the most up to date and the most powerful navy," declares the newspaper "Pravda", official organ of the Communist Party.

It will be recalled that on Saturday an increase was announced in Russian naval strength in the Pacific, White Sea, Baltic and Black Sea.

The paper declares that the Red Army has become a powerful weapon able to beat any enemy at any time, and that a first class and enormous air force has been created, showing the high standard of Soviet technical achievement to the whole world.

NEW PHASE

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Talking of "capitalistic encirclement" and alleging Fascist preparations for war, the paper concluded: "This induces us to build a navy not only able to check attack on our frontiers or in our territorial waters, but also, if necessary, to attack and to crush our enemies in their own waters."—Trans-Ocean.

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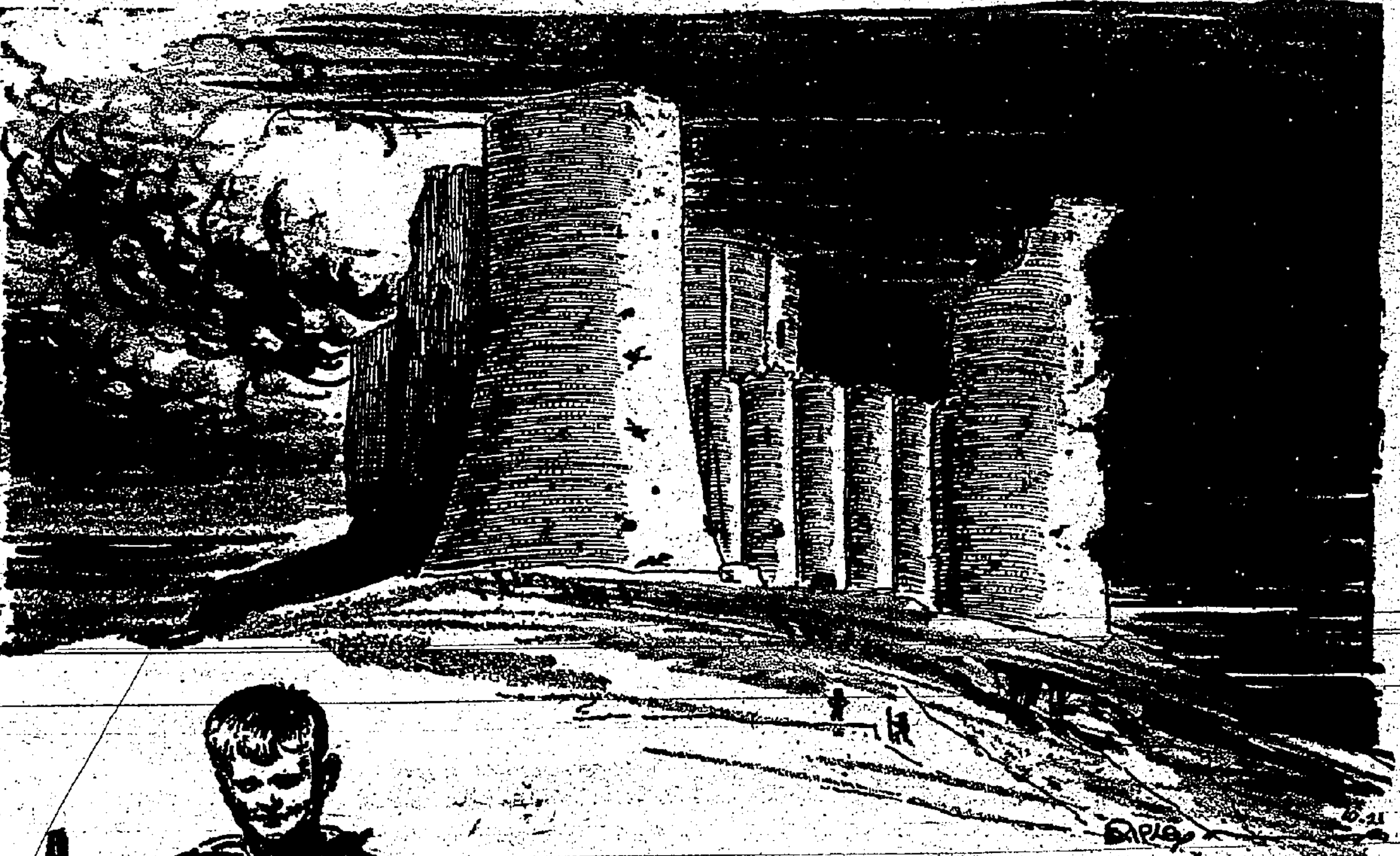
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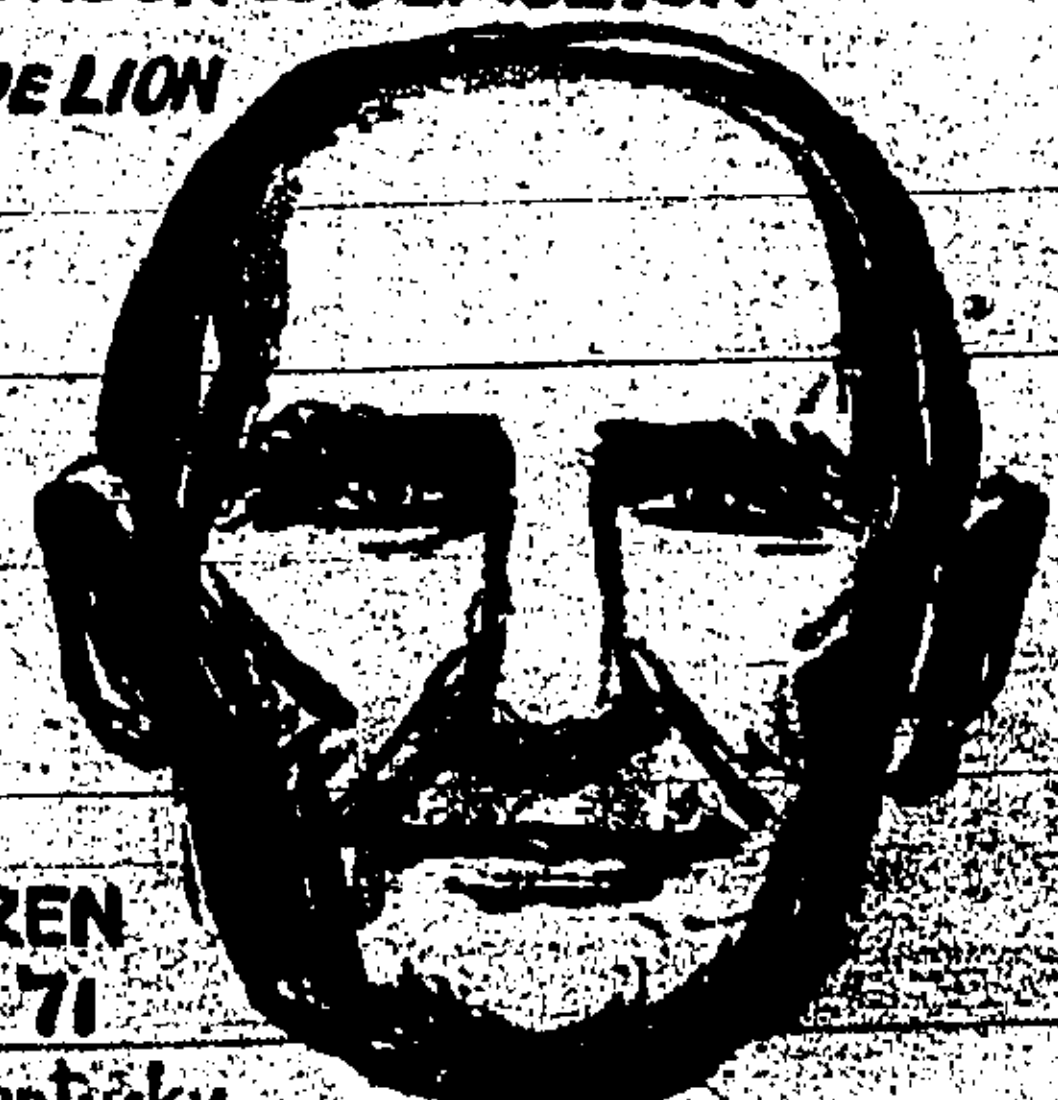
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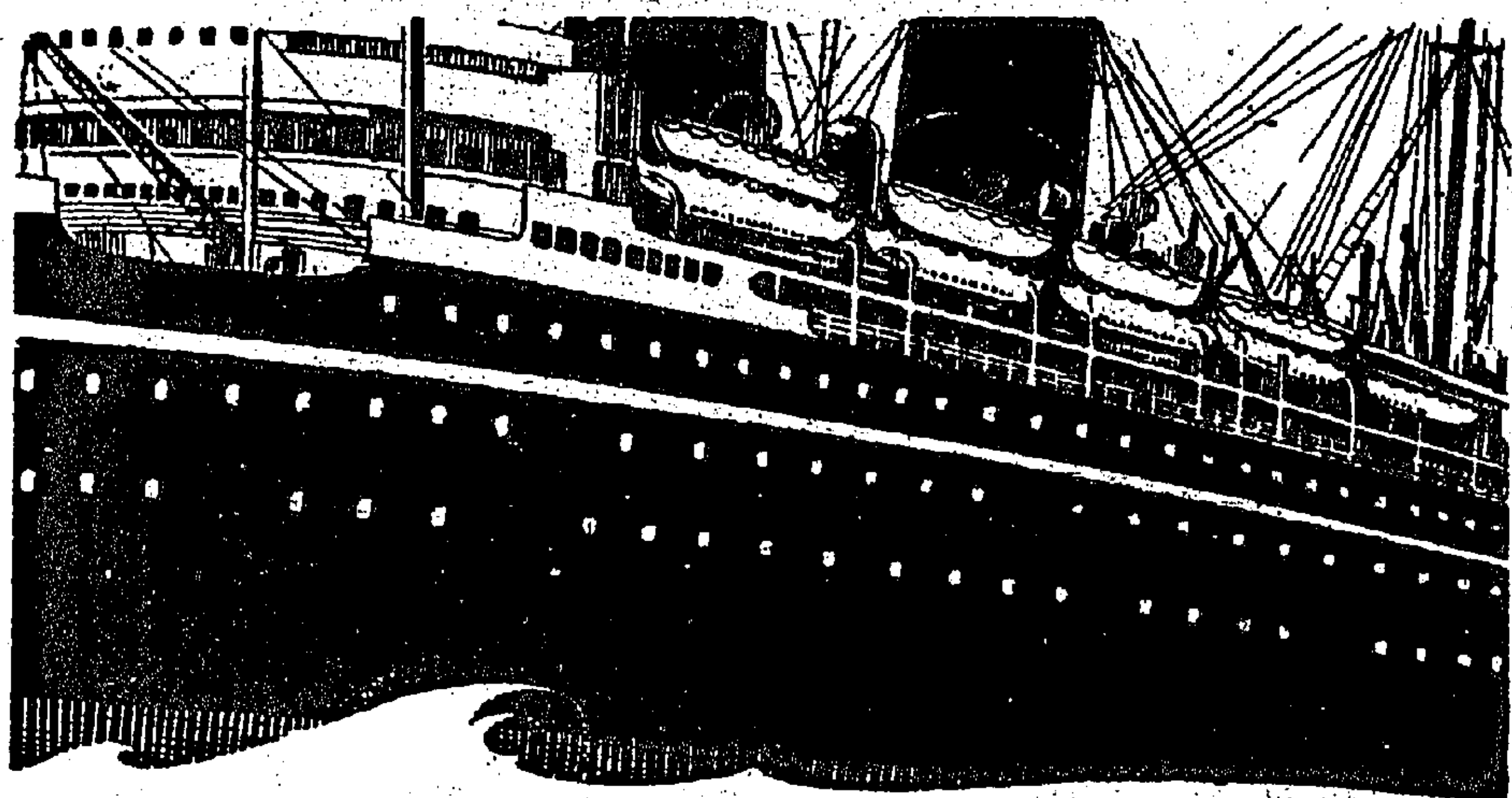


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CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	19th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
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COMORIN.....	15,000	5th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	11,000	19th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
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COMORIN	15,000	4th Feb.	Shanghai and Japan.
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Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 23rd December and London Parcels—London date, 16th December, 1937.	Carthage	January 19.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	January 19.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	January 19.
Air mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 12th January.	Pan-American Airways Plane...Jan. 19.	
Japan and Shanghai	Corfu	January 20.
Shanghai, Foochow and Swatow	Kingyuan	January 20.
Straits, Manila & London Parcels—London date, 9th December 1937.	Ajax	January 20.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	January 20.
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Ord.,	Jan. 20, 6 a.m.	
Thursday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Jan. 20, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Jan. 20, 11 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Jan. 20, 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Carthage	Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Kamo Maru	Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Friday		
Dairen	Fulda	Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Felix Roussel	Jan. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	Jan. 21, 2 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday	Kitano Maru	Fri., Jan. 21,
Island, 3rd Feb.	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Reg.,	Jan. 21, 4.15 p.m.	
Ord.,	Jan. 21, 5 p.m.	
Saturday		
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, East Corfu and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th February.	Par.,	Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
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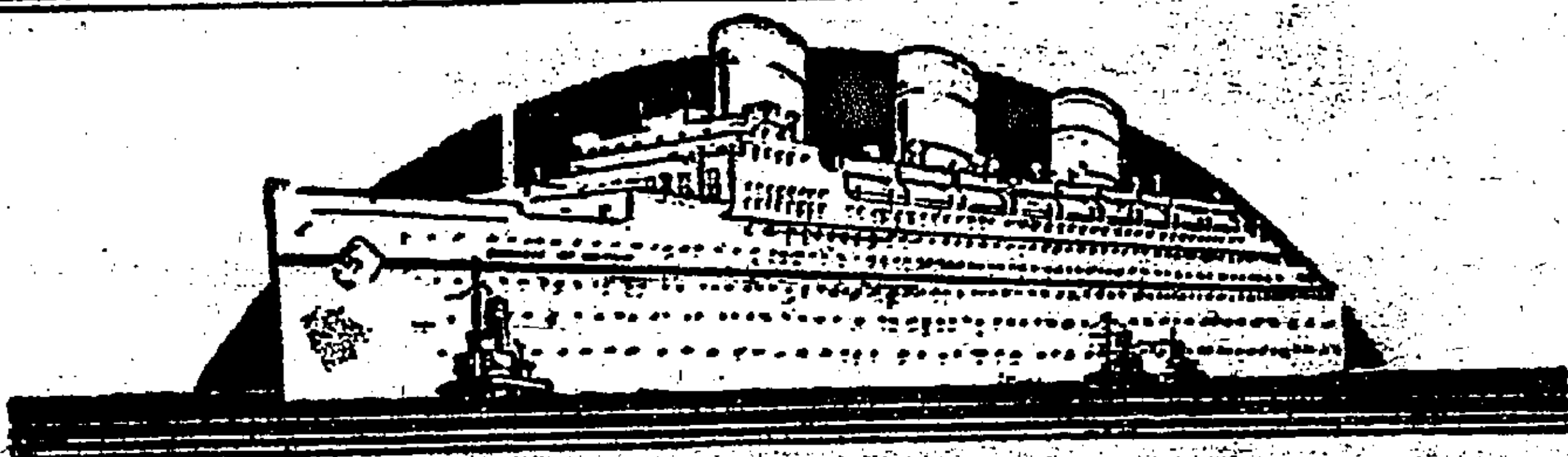
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Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

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Hong Kong Bank \$1425 b., \$1445 s.
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Douglases \$55 b.

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Peak Trams (New) \$3¾ s.

Star Ferries \$80½ b., \$81 sa.

China Lights (Old) \$10.30 b.

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Macao Electrics \$19¼ b.

Sandakan Lights \$14½ s.

Telephones (New) \$8.35 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cantons Ices \$1.70 s.

Cements \$12.65 b.

H. K. Ropes \$3¾ b.

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Watsons \$5.20 b., \$5.10 sa.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$5½ b.

Constructions \$1½ b.

BRITISH WAGE INCREASES

London, To-day.

Wage changes in 1937 are estimated by the Ministry of Labour to have resulted in total net increases of about £780,000 in weekly full-time wages of more than 5,100,000 workers. Average weekly increase is more than 3 shillings per head.
—British Wireless.

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 23-¾ b. Unchanged.

April/June 24-½ b. Unchanged.

July/Sept. 24-¾ b. Unchanged.

Market: Dull.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £548,863,823 compared with £520,545,947 at the corresponding date of 1937. Total expenditure, less self-balancing items is £630,722,941 against £636,721,801 a year ago.
—British Wireless.

THE FANLING HUNT

PROGRAMME FOR MEETS IN 1938

The Meet Card for the Fanling Hunt has been arranged as follows (all Meets will gather at 2.45 p.m.):

To-day, Ta Ku Lin Police Station.

Lines laid by Mr. A. H. Potts.

Sunday, January 23, Hunter's Arms

(Mr. H. C. Macnamara at home). Lines

laid by Mr. H. S. Forster.

Wednesday, January 26, Kennels.

Lines laid by Mr. J. N. Pitt.

Sunday, January 30, Mai Po. Lines

laid by Mr. H. C. Macnamara.

Wednesday, February 2, Lok Ma

Chau. Lines laid by Mr. E. F. P. Dobson.

Sunday, February 6, Sheung Shui

Police Station. Lines laid by Mr. W.

T. Stanton.

Wednesday, February 9, Ta Ku Lin

Police Station. Lines laid by Mr. Erik

Nelson.

Sunday, February 13 at 2.30 p.m.

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Meeting.

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Wednesday, February 16, Lo Wu

Camp. Lines laid by Major H. H. M.

Oliver.

Sunday, February 20, Potts' Bun-

galow (Mr. M. M. Watson at home).

Lines laid by Mr. A. H. Potts.

Wednesday, February 23, Dill's

Corner. Lines laid by Mr. G. W. Hook.

Sunday, February 27, Kitten Corner.

Lines laid by Mr. L. J. A. Feilden.

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INDIANS START TO SHOW THEIR HEELS

BEAT RECREIO TO ASSUME LEAD IN SENIOR LEAGUE

C.S.C.C. Disappoint In Tie With Craigengower

ANDERSON INSPIRES REVIVAL AT KOWLOON C.C.

(By "ADREM")

AS a result of Saturday's League cricket matches, Indian Recreation Club, joint holders of the Senior title with the Hong Kong Cricket Club, have greatly strengthened their position at the head of the table and are now in a strong position for the premier place in the League.

ON SATURDAY, THE INDIANS MADE NO MISTAKE AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO AND BEAT THEM BY THE VERY DECISIVE MARGIN OF 9 WICKETS.

On the other hand, Club, after pulling through some very critical situations, whilst having the better of their game with the Army, were compelled to share the points and, as the result of their two draws, have now dropped four points in three matches, against the I.R.C.'s, two.

K.C.C. and Craigengower have records identical with that of the Club and are within striking distance but, as matters now stand, the seemingly superior ability of the Sookunpoo side to score definite results, combined with the excellent form by batsmen who have prior to this season, been far from consistent, seems to indicate yet another success to be added to an already impressive record.

They were particularly successful against Recreio in all phases of the game. I happen to know that the Portuguese team were all out to make a decent showing, and had assembled about as powerful a team as they were capable of fielding and yet they were never in the picture.

FINE ATTACK

They had first lease of the wicket but were always in difficulties against accurate and varied bowling and a keen field. Reed batted in his usual imperturbable manner and collected a laborious 31, while P. M. N. da Silva and Rodrigues also got a few, but 103 was all the innings realised. Minu, Arculli, A. H. Madar and Kitchell shared the wickets.

I. R. C. batsmen made light of their task. Ismail, who has batted

throughout the season with amazing consistency, and Nazarin, set about the Recreio attack in a lightheated manner and when Nazarin was dismissed for a breezy 30, their task was more than half accomplished. Ismail, together with Kitchell, knocked off the runs without further loss and went on to score 73 which included 11 boundaries and was made out of 147.

BAD PATCH FOR ALEC PEARCE

Alec Pearce appears to have struck a bad patch and a series of indecisive results for the Club has been the outcome. Against the Army he was caught off Cheney for 18 and, apart from Owen Hughes and Ride, Club batsmen made a sorry showing until John Pearce became associated with F. H. Stokes. At this stage Club total was only just over the 100 mark and prospects looked very gloomy. A fine stand realised 55, however, and when a declaration was made on Pearce's dismissal, the score-board showed the very respectable total of 162.

Army batsmen were, in their turn, far from happy and if Col. Teversham had not scored a hard-hit 45, which included two sixes off Alec Pearce, there is little doubt they would have lost. As it was they were 23 runs in arrears

SECOND DIVISION REVIEW FRIDAY

A review by "ADREM" of Second Division League cricket matches played last Saturday, will appear in all our issues of Friday.

with only one wicket in hand, when stumps were drawn.

CIVIL SERVICE DISAPPOINT

In view of the revival which has been so evident in the cricket at the Civil Service this season, I expected far better things of them against Craigengower. They struck one of their bad days, however, and went down extraordinarily badly by five wickets.

As remarked by a member of the C. S. C. C. side a short while ago. "We have an extremely good side on paper, especially in the batting line, but there is always the possibility of failure by some of the acknowledged stalwarts resulting in the remainder of the side being skittled out like a collection of rabbits."

ROT COULD NOT BE STOPPED

This is exactly what happened on Saturday. Richardson was dismissed cheaply and, although Colledge and Perry showed that the bowling was not unplayable, the dismissal of McLellan and Griffiths started a rot which nothing could stop.

Billimoria who is probably one of the steadiest bowlers in the Colony—albeit he seldom has spectacular figures—returned the excellent analysis of

O.	M.	R.	W.
17	6	39	5

Set to score 125, Craigengower, with A. R. H. Esmail always looking comfortable, were never in difficulties, and the required runs were hit off with but five wickets down. Esmail batted really well, a feature of a sound innings being his solid defence. He hit 14 boundaries.

Perry was the only bowler to meet with any measure of success and his four wickets cost him 57 runs.

CANNOT BE OVER-RATED

Although I have seen it reported that Navy were sadly depleted by ships' movements in their game against K.C.C., I must confess that after scanning their team, I fail to see any absentees from their team of the previous week which drew with the Club, who would have made any material difference. True Cotman was missing but so he was in the Hong Kong match!

(Continued on Page 21)

"NEEDLE" BADMINTON MATCH

ST. JOHN'S TO MEET KOWLOON TONG

(By "ADREM")

A game which is bound to have a big bearing on the eventual destination of the Junior Badminton League title, will be played this evening at the Cathedral Hall between St. John's, present leaders in the division and Kowloon Tong, one of their most powerful challengers.

These two teams have always been very well matched. At the end of the last season's League programme, identical records having been returned by both combinations, a replay, which resulted in a win for the Saints, was decided at Recreio, and the winners qualified for the runners-up trophy.

KEEN GAME CERTAIN

In their first fixture this season at Kowloon Tong, St. John's scrambled home by the odd game. They will be all out to repeat their success, while Kowloon Tong, full of confidence as the result of an unbroken series of victories, will be all out to avenge themselves.

A very interesting game is certain to eventuate.

The following are the teams:—
St. John's:—A. J. Bennitt and F. H. Kwok; G. A. Smith and A. Keown; N. Smith and P. B. Wilson.

Kowloon Tong:—J. Chen and F. Tsang; N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko.

TAMAR'S RUGBY WIN OVER CUMBERLAND

Close Ships' Game

Showing more aggressiveness in the first half, H.M.S. Tamar secured a slender lead against H.M.S. Cumberland in a friendly Rugby match at Causeway Bay yesterday, which they maintained until the end to win by 3 points to nil.

At the outset, Tamar forwards were much quicker on the ball, while Cumberland's forwards were slow. The latter improved considerably in the second half and in the last five minutes of the game appeared certain to score. Their opposite numbers rose to the occasion in grand style, however, and kept their line intact until the final whistle.

Outstanding for the winners were Bracker, and the entire three-quarter line, Robinson, at full-back, while Goddard, Strange and Wilde were prominent at forward.

Tamar. — Robinson; Bracker, Porte, Jenkins and Finney; Ford (Capt.) and Phillips; Evans, Strange, Wilde, Hammond, Goddard, Grant, Cockhill and Sherlock.

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SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

LENGTH AND DIRECTION ARE VITAL FACTORS

ATTACKING BATSMAN'S STRENGTH

SPOFFORTH ON BRAINS IN BOWLING

(By J. C. DAVIS)

In these talks about success in cricket, one has been discussing batting mainly. I have emphasised, at the risk of being repetitious, the principles upon which sound batting must always stand. These are the use of a straight bat to strokes that demand it, and the use of the feet in making position to suit the stroke. These are fundamentals inflexible.

HERE FOR A TIME WE MAY SWING ON TO BOWLING. FROM THE DAY OF THE OLD TOP-HAT IN CRICKET, TWO BASIC ESSENTIALS HAVE BEEN RECOGNISED AND MASTERED BY EVERY BOWLER WHO ACHIEVED RENOWN. THE FIRST IS LENGTH, AND THE SECOND DIRECTION.

It may seem supererogatory to mention these qualities in bowling. Their value is so obvious that every young bowler should strive to attain mastery. And yet, if you carefully watch the many medium to fast-medium bowlers who exploit the seam for swerve with the new ball, you will discover that few, if any, have good control of their direction or length. The pity is that most of them are content to see the ball "do" a bit in the air oblivious of the fact that the striker may let it pass on.

All the great bowlers and bowlers who were on the fringe of that class I have seen had cultivated precision of pitch, and precision in direction. F. R. Spofforth was one example. He is classed by many who played with and against him, as the greatest bowler in history. Whether he was greater than Charlie Turner, or one or two others, may be debatable, though not many are now left who could tackle the point from personal knowledge or observation of the pair.

When he was last in Australia, in 1924, Spofforth, who was then about 71 years of age, still had a most acute mind and good eyesight. As he watched an English match at the Sydney Cricket Ground and quietly discussed the game with old friends you got an impression that here was no aged man.

THE DEMON ON "BRAINS"

It was a privilege to ask him what he considered to be the main needs in a first-class bowler. He was watching Maurice Tate at the time. He replied:

"HE MUST BE ABLE TO PITCH THE BALL WHERE HE WANTS TO, THAT EMBRACES LENGTH AND DIRECTION. HE MUST BE ABLE TO VARY THE PACE AND FLIGHT, ALL THAT CAN BE ACQUIRED BY PATIENT PRACTICE," said the great man of the ball.

"Anything else?" he was asked.

"Yes," said the Demon, "he must be BORN with a good arm for bowling."

Spofforth hit the right nail on the head. There is something indefinable in the arm that gives to the ball distinctive flight and, above all, something different in its movement from the pitch. Men who have not this peculiar gift rarely realise greatness in bowling against good class batsmen.

Sydney,

But Spofforth had not finished. He said there was another ingredient. It was BRAINS. And he emphasised it. We generally term it head-work.

SUPERIOR TO ENGLISH

In this section of the bowler's equipment I often feel that the best Australians are superior to English bowlers, largely because their task on hard, true pitches is the more difficult. It is a case of necessity being the mother of invention. I have seen great Australian bowlers closely observe the batsman, in studying his style and strokes, think hard, and then apply immediate action in the effort to compass the dismissal of some troublesome opponent.

Spofforth himself was a wonder in this direction, though I cannot speak much from personal observation of him. He was well past his best when I once or twice saw him bowling, though he still had the run-up and action of a great bowler. Charlie and Alick Bannerman contemporaries in the field, and Charlie Beal, were always singing the praises of Spofforth as the mighty bowler of brains and fighting instinct. Always planning to outwit some great batsman. This scheming, which Spofforth aptly termed "brains," must have been handed down along the line of great Australian bowlers, since most of them possessed the trait.

MACLAREN'S STORY

Archie MacLaren has told the story of his once playing with Spofforth, who was about twenty years his senior. It so well illustrated a characteristic in Australian bowling of the best class that it is here quoted. The famous England cricketer was talking about the necessity of a bowler studying the strength and weakness of the bats-

U. S. WALKER CUP TEAM IS SELECTED

New York, January 3.

The United States Golfing Association to-day named Francis Ouimet captain of the Walker Cup team for 1938.

Veteran golfers named for the new team included Johnny Fischer, Johnny Goodman, Sam Reynolds, Horton Smith, and Charles Yates, Jr. Others named for the team included Ray Billows, Freddy Haas, Charles Kochis, and Marvin Ward. Don Moe and Thuffern Tailor were nominated as alternates.

man.

"The most watchful bowler in this respect I ever met," wrote Mr. MacLaren, "was F. R. Spofforth. I once had the pleasure of playing with him in a match in which many of the best players in England were taking part. I was forcibly impressed by the extraordinary clever manner in which he employed every resource of the bowler's art against all the batsmen who faced him.

At that time Spofforth was, for big cricket, well past his prime, but his bowling that day showed for what a long period he retained a reserve of greatness. He seemed to sum up the limit of a batsman's power with uncanny quickness, and he wasted no time in deciding upon the exact method of attack most likely to get his wicket. I thought then, as I think now, that he was the greatest bowler the game has ever seen. His length was always perfect, and there was not a trick or device of bowling which was unknown to him.

HIS TRUMP CARD

"What is more, he seemed to have the knack of playing his trump card at the psychological moment.

"ONE OF HIS FAVOURITE METHODS WAS, AFTER NOTING A BATSMAN'S PET STROKE, TO ARRANGE HIS FIELD SO AS TO LEAVE THE STROKE OPEN.

"The Demon Bowler (an excellent descriptive nickname) would then produce the ball off which he himself thought the batsman could

not score, but which the batsman felt his favourite stroke would send the ball to the boundary. The result was that three times out of four Spofforth's judgment proved correct, and the batsman had to go."

That trick so cleverly exploited by Spofforth was exploited by M. A. Noble, Hugh Trumble and George Giffen with success in their great days. Each of these bowlers secured over one hundred wickets in Tests against England. Believe it, too, they had to use wits as well as fingers and feet to outwit the great batsmen reigning in England in their times.

LURING A BATSMAN

M. A. Noble was an adept at luring a batsman who had a favourite square cut or cover drive to destruction. He would leave third man or cover more or less open to induce the batsman to focus on his favourite stroke. The wrong ball would be bowled for it, and the batsman tempted. Finally he generally swallowed the bait and was snapped up in the slips or third man or at the wickets.

A case in which Hugh Trumble was the trickster comes to mind. Leslie Poidevin was a young batsman of high calibre and never lacking in confidence. In a match between New South Wales and Victoria in Sydney he went in on a beautiful wicket, inspired with a feeling that his form was good—as it was. He promptly placed a ball, pitched a little farther up than good length, to the square leg boundary—a daisy-cutter. With a turn of the wrists as he played forward a trifle it was perfectly timed off the leg and middle stumps. Poidevin repeated that stroke.

MADE HIS MIND UP

While the ball was being retrieved Hugh stood still and intently gazed at the young batsman. Then he ran his fingers through his hair. By the time the ball was back in his hands he had made up his mind. With the right hand he quietly beckoned Harry Graham at mid-on to move a few yards closer to the batsman.

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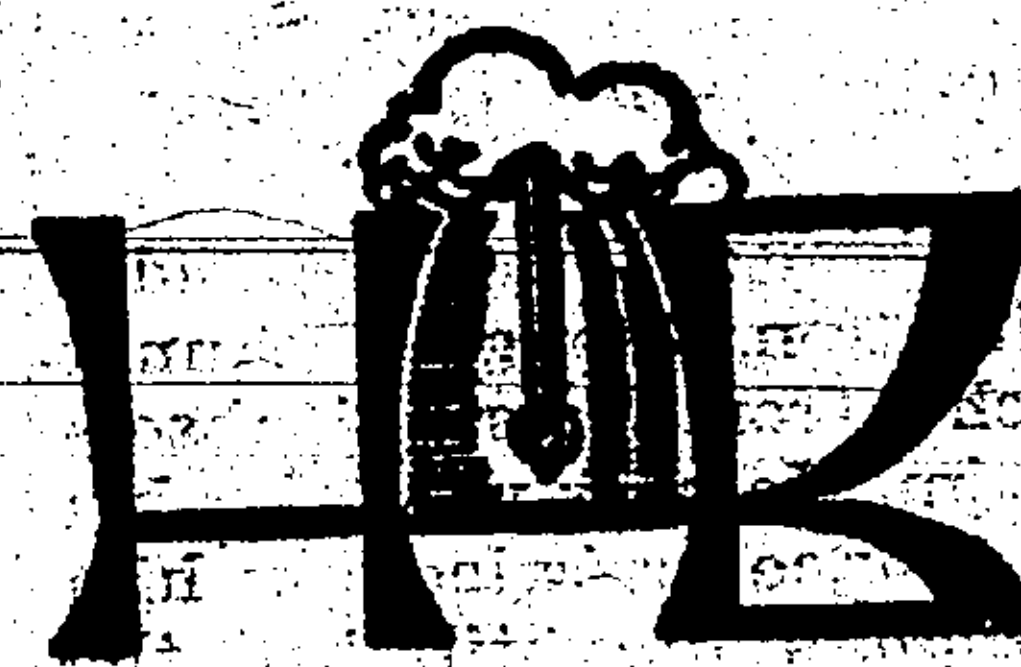
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MR. B. A. PROULX THROWN

New Australian Pony
Refuses Jockey

(By "RAPIER")

During the course of this morning's training, Mr. B. A. Proulx was thrown by Cape York, a new Australian pony belonging to Mr. S. T. Chau.

Mr. Proulx took the pony out for a trial gallop, and the accident occurred near the five furlongs post.

At first it appeared as if Mr. Proulx had hurt himself, as he failed to move for a short while, but he then got up and walked back to the six furlongs post, where the pony was caught. He remounted and endeavoured to continue with his intended gallop, but the pony refused to move and so had to be taken back to the stables.

Mr. Proulx was not seen out again during the morning.

SHIELD SOCCER COMPETITION

DRAW MADE FOR
THIRD ROUND

The draw for the Third Round of the Shield Competitions was made at the meeting of the Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association last night and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR SHIELD

Seaforths v South China "B"
Kowloon Chinese v Navy
Kowloon or St. Joseph's

v Middlesex
South China "A" v Eastern

JUNIOR SHIELD

Police or University v Kwong Wah

Royal Engineers or Navy v South China

Middlesex v Ordnance

Portuguese S.A. v Seaforths.

CLUB MEET UNITED AT HOCKEY TO-DAY

Good Encounter
Anticipated

The Hong Kong Hockey Club will meet a team from the United Hockey Tournament to-day on the Club ground, King's Park, at 4.45 p.m.

The following teams have been selected:

United: Chan Kam-fui (Police); Stickley (Middlesex); Grogan (Middlesex); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Brown (Police); Malik (K.I.T.C.); G. Singh (Radio); A. E. P. Guest (Radio); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); Wall (Police) and Partab (Kumaon Rifles).

Club: V. M. Benwell; R. L. Wallace, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, J. E. Potter; S. Fowler; T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), B. I. Bickford, V. Bond.

The United players will turn out in white and the Club in colours.

ASSN. TEAM FOR GOVERNOR'S CUP SOCCER GAME

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Association against the Chinese Federation in the Governor's Cup series at Caroline Hill on Saturday:

Rowlands (Kowloon); Pile (Police); Costa (St. Joseph's); Evans (Kowloon); Bright (Middlesex); Bliss (Kowloon); Freshwater (Middlesex); Mac Guigan (Seaforths); Knox (Kowloon); Hewlett (Police); Bickford (Club).

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL SERIES COMMENCE ON JAN. 30

NEW ENTRANT NAMED HONG KONG

(By "SHORTSTOP")

AT the meeting of the Softball League on Monday, the schedule for the International Softball Series was arranged. Play will begin on Sunday, January 30, and the final game will be held on February 13.

The first four games, conducted under an elimination system, will be as follows:

Hong Kong versus Philippine Islands; Britain versus China "A"; Portugal versus U.S.A. and China "B" versus India.

These games will be played at King's Park, the first mentioned two at the Central British Association's ground, and the latter two at the football ground of the Club de Recreio.

The semi-final and the final games will be played on a ground which will be specified later. The sponsor of this Series, the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association, have agreed to procure a suitable ground, and fans will be informed of its whereabouts when it is made known.

There will be an exhibition game between China and the Rest after the final, and it will be played with a 14 inch ball.

The latest entrant in this Series has been tentatively known as Hong Kong, to be composed mainly of members of the No. 3, Machine Gun Company, of the Volunteer Defence Corps. This brings the total of entrants to eight teams, thereby eliminating the necessity of a bye.

SECRETS OF CRICKET SUCCESS

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HE PITCHED THE BALL A LITTLE BIT SHORTER AND FASTER AGAIN ON THE MIDDLE AND LEG STUMPS. LES POIDEVIN EMBOLDENED BY SUCCESS TRIED THE SAME STROKE, BUT THE SLIGHT CHANGES IN PACE AND PITCH DECEIVED HIM.

Instead of going off the bat along the turf to the fence at square leg, the ball popped straight to the fieldsman, at mid-on, who had been shifted in closer by the wily old bird of the ball. That happened 36 years ago.

There is a deep inner satisfaction to the bowler in such a case. To quote Spofforth, it is "BRAINS," the corollary of experience, keen thought and command of the ball.

A SPOFFORTH STORY

Reverting to "The Demon, Mr. Bill Stuart tells a story showing how thorough Spofforth was. About 1888 he was taking special interest in a young Sydney bowler. He brought him out to the practice nets at the Sydney Cricket Ground early one afternoon to give him a few practical hints. Other young cricketers were present, and "Spoff" explained to them that length and direction could be attained by intelligent attention to practice.

Though then beyond his prime, he said he thought he could still pitch the ball practically where he wanted to. To test this he got a small circular piece of paper about the size of a ball spot he regarded as good length. He then went through his characteristic run and delivered the ball a number of times.

"And," said Bill Stuart, "it was astonishing how close EVERY ball lodged to that piece of paper."

FOOTBALL FORECAST FOR TO-DAY

A good soccer game should be witnessed at Sookunpoo, to-day when the 5th Bde. Royal Artillery, and the Middlesex, two of the leading teams in the Second Division meet in their postponed game.

Several other Third Division games are also down for decision.

The following is the programme:

Second Division
5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—L. A. French.
Third Division (Hong Kong)
Engineers v Ordnance
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Johns.
Service Corps v Stanley
(Military, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Morecroft.
5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Police
(Military, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Barretto.
Third Division (Kowloon)
Signals v University
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Phillips.

Cricket

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On the face of it therefore, K.C.C.'s performance cannot be rated too highly. Heroes of the game were Donald Anderson and Robbie Lee, with special plaudits for the latter. Anderson was the only Kowloon batsman who made anything like a decent score but without wishing to deprecate his effort, I feel that the failure of the other members of the side was due not so much to the skill of the Navy attack, as to bad batting on their own part.

LONG-HOPS AND FULL-TOSSES

Admittedly I did not see the entire innings but during the time I was present, I saw a variety of long-hops and full-tosses served up which would have made a juvenile bowler in a preparatory school blush for shame. Whitmarsh, who bore the brunt of the attack, was the only man who appeared to be doing anything with the ball and I judged that he was turning them rather considerably on the matting wicket, which lends little aid to spin of any description.

For this reason, full marks must be given to Robbie Lee, who bowled in his best Shanghai Interport style to return an analysis that must rank among the best in his career. He kept an immaculate length, swung from leg and nipped

off the pitch to such good effect that he hit the stumps on no fewer than six occasions.

AUDACITY!

Whitmarsh, in view of the situation, made little effort to score and presented a rock-like defence against all the wiles the K.C.C. attack directed against him.

The Navy innings produced a display by Lt. Skelton which for sheer audacity I have never seen surpassed. This gentleman, immediately a bowler started his run, would stroll casually down the wicket with his bat at the ready, and play the bowling about half-way down the pitch, much to the consternation of the fast, medium or slow trundler who, at that moment, was entrusted with the attack.

Robbie Lee, on one occasion, made a desperate effort to have him stumped by lobbing one over his head, but the adventurous N. O. was home again before the ball reached Jex.

K.C.C. REVIVAL

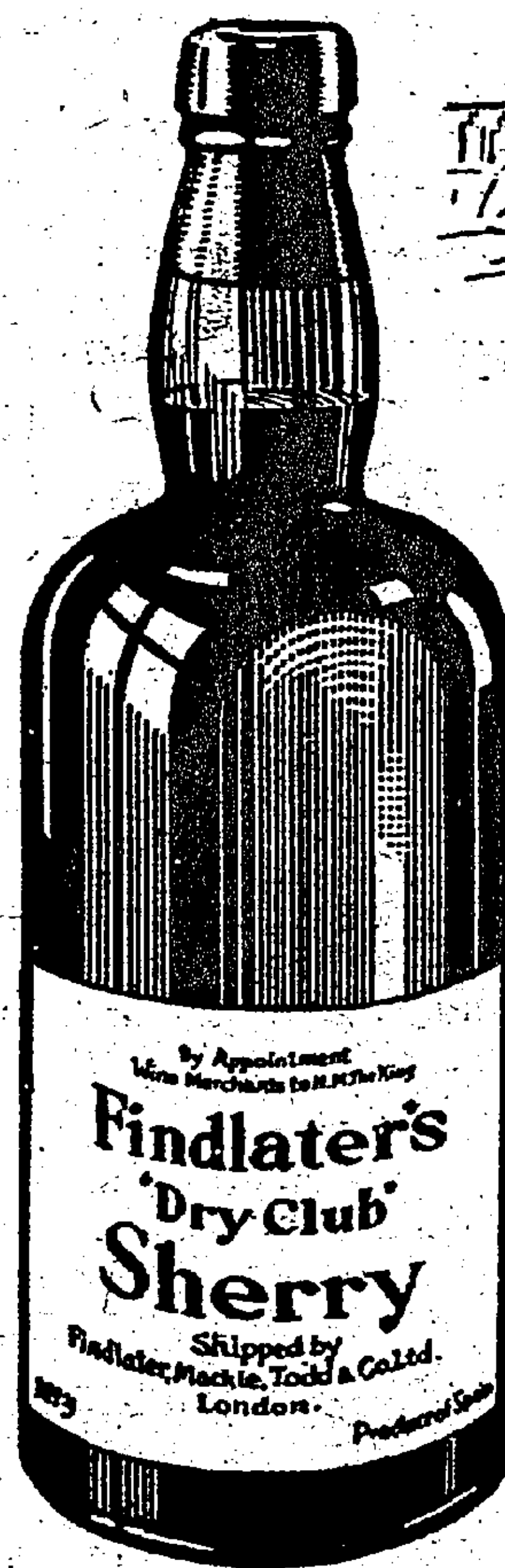
I am told that Anderson handled his team in masterly fashion and by his example drew all that was best out of each of his men. The result has been a return of the confidence which the many setbacks this very sporting side have experienced in the course of the season, was beginning to lose, and added zest in their quest of the title which was taken away from them last year.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSN. ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

The annual sports meeting of the Children's Playground Association will be held on Wednesday, February 2, at 2.45 p.m. on the Southern Playground, Wanchai. Lady MacGregor has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at 5.15 p.m.



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Katja The Dancer—Waltz (Gilbert).
12.51 p.m.—Reginald Foort (Organ).
"Transatlantic Rhythm"—Medley.
Palace Theatre Medley.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
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1.40 p.m.—Gracie Fields and London Piano Accordion Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Records.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Take Your Choice".
7.45 p.m.—London Relay—A Theme and a Song.
7.55 p.m.—Foxtrot and Waltz.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Doreen Ma at the Piano.
8.18 p.m.—Songs by Lucienne Boyer & Tino Rossi.

Les Prenoms Effaces (Tranchant).
Estampe Marocaine (Jeanne Bos).
Lucienne Boyer.
Loin des Guitares (Scotto).
Bella Ragazzina (Scotto).
Tino Rossi.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Ethel and Her Engine." A romance for Organ and voices by John Pudney, with music composed by Jack Clarke, played by Reginald Foort on the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.
9.05 p.m.—Barnabas von Geczy & His Orchestra.
Pony (Rixner).
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In Merry Mood (Haripger).
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Gipsy Wine (Ritter).
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Songs by Gigli.
Panis Angelicus (Franck).
Romanza di Federico (from "L'Arlesiana").
O Charming Hour (The Dream Song from "Manon"—Massenet).
10.03 p.m.—Chopin Nocturnes played by Rubinstein.
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12.10 p.m.—Schumann's Sonata for Violin and Pianoforte in A minor, Op. 105.
12.30 p.m.—"Ethel and her Engine." A romance for organ and voices.
1.05 p.m.—Recital of Songs and Duets.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
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2.30 p.m.—R.R.S. "Discovery": A visit to the ship in which Scott made his first Antarctic Expedition.
2.50 p.m.—Selection from the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas.
3.00 p.m.—Music Hall.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Recital by Frank Butterworth (Flute) and Shula Doniaagh (Pianoforte).
4.40 p.m.—"World Affairs."
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Woes Of A Bridge Player

Pity the poor bridge player! With his eyes fixed yearningly on the beckoning star of expertdom, he strives manfully to digest the huge quantities of advice thrown him. A Gargantuan feat at best, his difficulty is augmented by the fact that often one bit of advice seems to conflict directly with another. Take this column, for example. Sometimes I say "Don't grab your aces and kings in such a hurry," and, at other times, "Don't go to sleep with the setting trick." Both of these admonitions are perfectly sound and in no way conflicting. But I can well understand that the inexperienced player has a tough time steering his bark between the Scylla of overeagerness and the Charybdis of delay.

But, really, is it so difficult to discover which of these rocks looms more dangerous in a given hand? Consider to-day's situation.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A 4 2
H.—Q J 10
D.—8 7 3

C.—7 6 5 3

WEST

EAST

S.—3 S.—9 8
H.—K 5 3 H.—8 7 4 2
D.—5 4 2 D.—Q 10 9 6
C.—K Q J 8 4 2 C.—A 10 9

SOUTH

S.—K Q J 10 7 6 5
H.—A 9 6
D.—A K J
C.—None

The bidding:

South West North East
2 spades Pass 3 spades Pass
4 hearts Pass 4 spades Pass
6 spades Pass Pass Pass

Despite North's negative response to the four-heart asking bid,

South decided to contract for a slam, feeling that North's first response, guaranteeing at least one-plus honour tricks, would give him a play.

West opened the club king and declarer ruffed. The spade king was cashed and dummy was entered with the spade ace. The heart queen then was led and allowed to ride. West pounced on the trick like a dog upon a delectable bone, and returned another club. Declarer ruffed, laid down the diamond ace as a precaution against a singleton queen on his left, then entered dummy with the heart jack and took the diamond finesse. The queen lying on side, the slam became a lay down.

West's exuberance in grabbing his heart king had cinched matters for declarer. A calm and thoughtful player in West's position would not have dreamed of taking the king at his first opportunity! With South counted for no more than seven spades and having been shown void in clubs, surely there was only a slight chance that a holdup of the heart king would result in its loss.

West should have played low without the slightest hesitation. Had he done so, it is true that declarer could have fulfilled the contract by then switching to the diamond finesse. But what declarer could be so clairvoyant? Having apparently hit upon a winning position in hearts, the obvious and natural course would be to repeat the heart finesse. Then West should grab his king and declarer never could return to dummy for the vital diamond finesse.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 diamond Pass 2 clubs Double
Pass ?

What should West bid with: S 6 4 2 H J 10 8 6 D 8 5 C K Q 9 4?

Answer: Two hearts. East's double is for a take-out.

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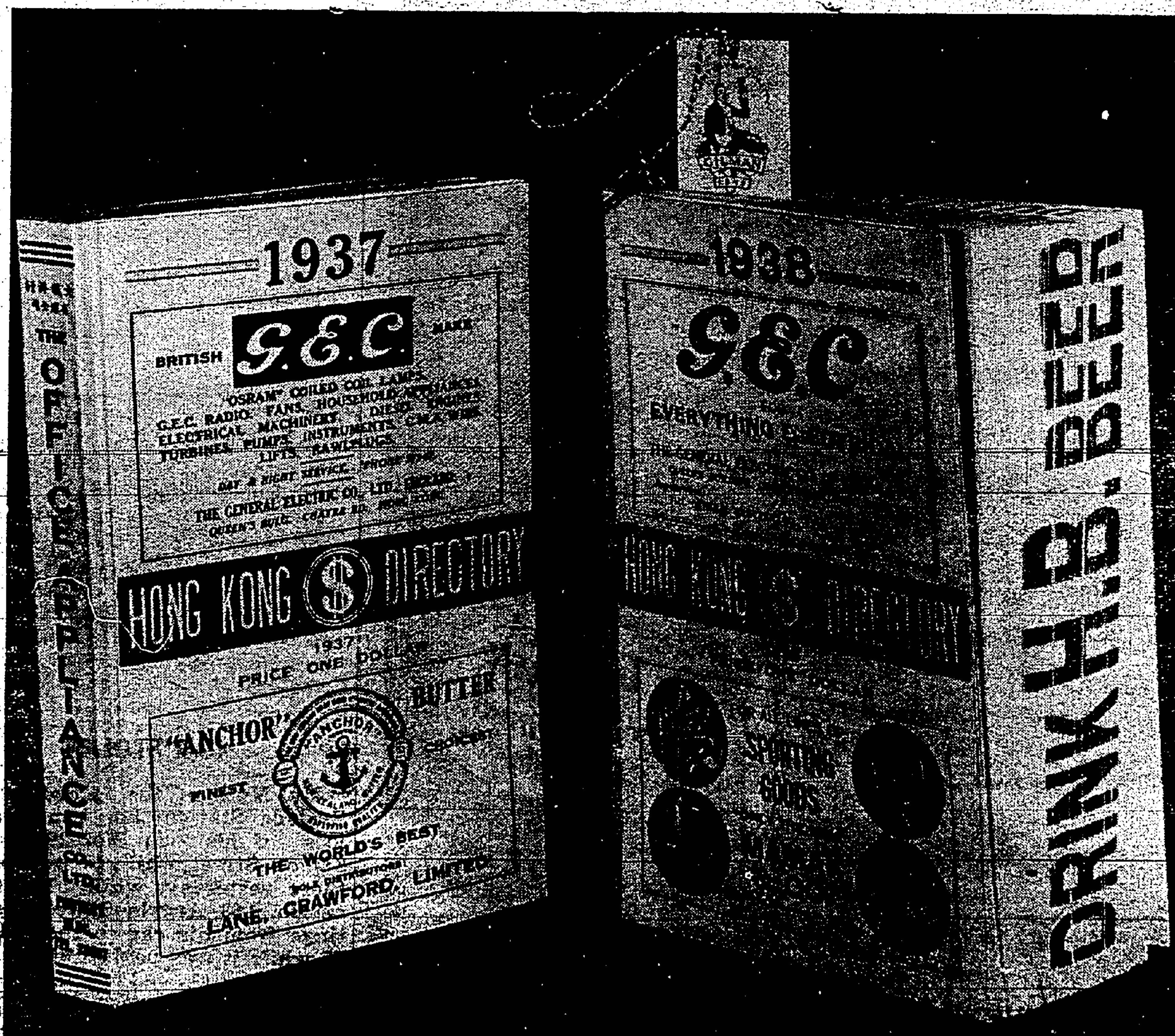
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MILITARY OPERATIONS

Tokyo, To-day.

"The Japanese Government henceforth will not deal with the Central Government in talks for adjustment of Sino-Japanese relations, but will pursue military operations for overthrow of that regime, in the expectation that a new Chinese regime will grow up and become a party to such talks," said Prince Konoye.

The new Chinese regime might possibly go through similar organisation and process as Manchukuo.

The Premier declined to state whether the new regime was being established in the first half of the year, but declared that Japan must accelerate its organisation. He had heard nothing of Manchukuo recognition of the new regime.

FOREIGN RIGHTS

A certain degree of state control of economic development of North China was inevitable, but the guiding principle should be mutual Sino-Japanese existence and prosperity with the spirit of enterprise unhampered.

Third-party capital should be welcomed while the vested rights and interests of foreign powers would be respected.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TALKS

Prince Konoye failed to see the possibility of resuming the Anglo-Japanese conversations, which were interrupted by the

ANOTHER SOVIET-MANCHUKUO INCIDENT

Moscow, To-day.

According to a Russian news agency despatch from Khabarovsk, another incident has occurred on the Manchurian frontier.

The pilot of a Soviet aeroplane which had set out from Vladivostok lost his way and landed in Manchurian territory where he and his companion were arrested, charged with espionage and conveyed to Harbin.

The Soviet Government has made representations demanding release of the two airmen together with the mail which the machine was carrying.—Trans-Ocean.

Sino-Japanese hostilities, in the near future.

Britain, however, was so realistic that she was able to grasp the actual situation very well, and there was no necessity for taking the matter too seriously.

The same argument, he stated, applied to the Soviet Union.

"WAIT AND SEE"

Japan had no alternative but to adopt a "wait and see" policy in connection with expansion of the British, Soviet and United States navies.

He had no intention of reforming the Japanese Cabinet system or reconstructing the present Ministry, but admitted the necessity of forming the parliamentary system. At present, however, reforms necessary for attainment of the war objectives should be given preference.—Reuter.

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CAR STOLEN

Mr. Moss of the Kowloon Fire Brigade Station, has reported the loss of his car No. 2944 from Saigon Street while it was parked there yesterday, while Mr. Grant of No. 168 Argyle Street, lost fittings from his car to the value of \$5 while it was parked at the same place.

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